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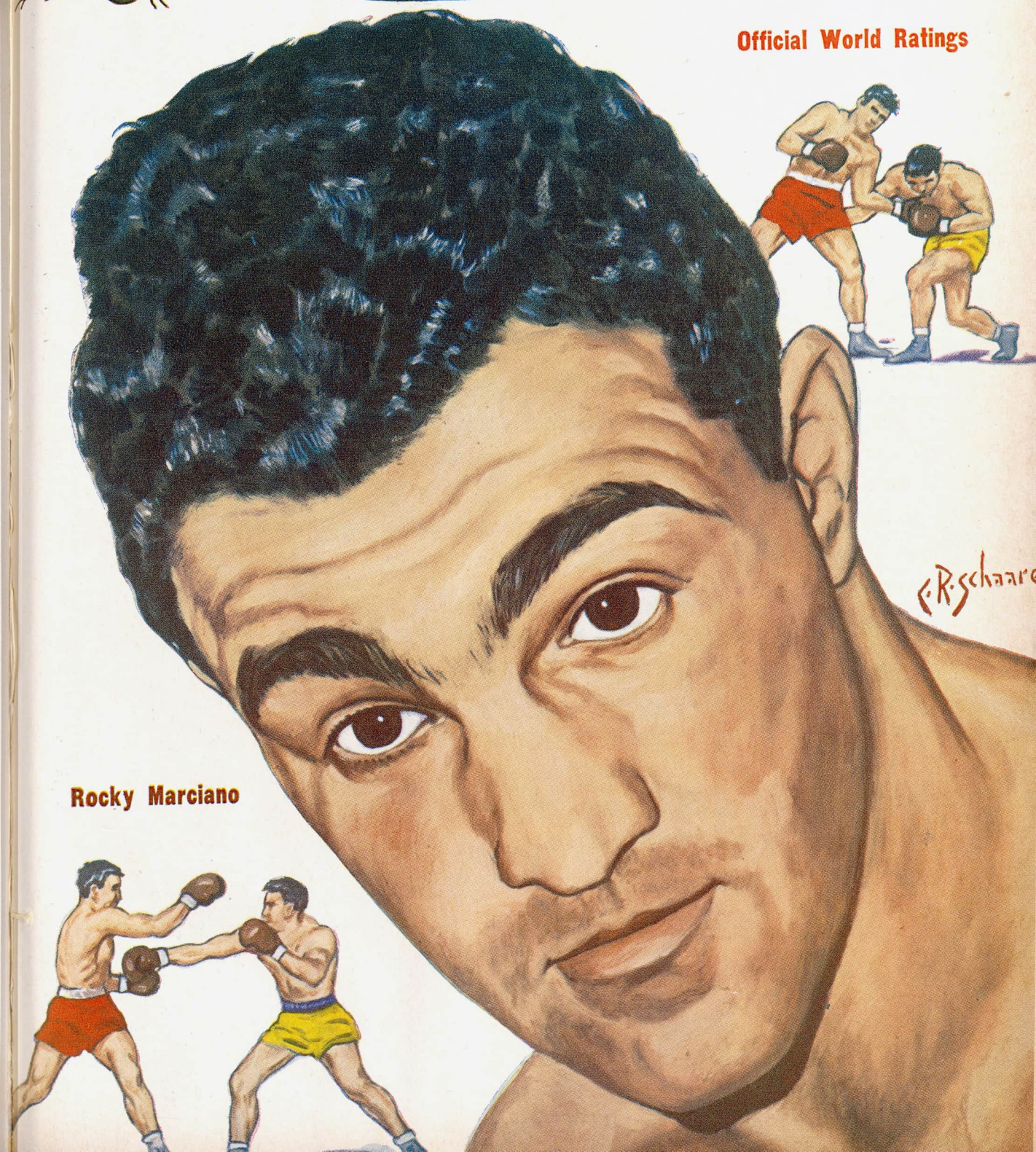

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By DANIEL M. DANIEL

Al Weill, as manager of heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, will make the decisions that will decide how the heavyweight picture will shape up for the coming year.

IF you are at all familiar with your Shakespeare, you will recollect that the Witches in Macbeth, gathered around the slumgullion cauldron, kept yammering, "Double, double toil, fire burn, and cauldron boil."

The Witches unquestionably were stewing over the heavyweight championship situation of the time.

The Witches of today, huddled around that same old pot, are having that same old difficulty.

The boxing world has developed an interesting, hard-hitting, friendly champion in Rocky Marciano. But the title holder has no place to go. And if there be places to which his ring talents might be directed, Al Weill, his manager, apparently will not be persuaded to lead heavyweight traffic into those areas.

Once again is the old tax gimmick a factor in the heavyweight situation. And when it comes to figuring the effect of that gimmick on a year's over-all revenues, Al is one of the most calculating.

After Marciano had stopped Roland La Starza in eleven rounds not so very long ago, the dope pointed strongly to a February fight in Miami for the Rock.

Marciano himself would not be averse to vacationing in Miami, and picking up a chunk for the fun.

But Mr. Weill can see neither net financial gain nor artistic accrual in an outing in Florida, and that's how it stands as this issue of The Ring Magazine bounces off the presses, to an eager world.

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Miami, which used to be the Winter stamping ground of the Tex Rickard fight enterprises, then of the Jack Dempsey organization, the Garden, and later Mike Jacobs, with his 20th. Century SC, naturally is eager to have Marciano show there.

The Orange Bowl would provide a fine venue for a title fight. The February population of Miami, large and loaded, would be reinforced for the contest by influxes from Cuba, from the North, from the West, and other points.

The match which suggests itself for Marciano in Florida is one with Senor Nino Valdes, heavyweight champion of Cuba, and conqueror of Ezzard Charles.

Valdes would attract a lot of fight fans from Cuba. Not only that, he might even make it fairly interesting for Rocky for a while.

However, Mr. Weill has shown no interest whatever in a match with Valdes.

The Cuban is big and strong, and confronted with a none too mobile target, might do considerable damage. However, if Valdes could not knock out Charles, it might be argued that he would not be likely to tag Rocky. Or might it?

However, the successful manager of the successful fighter is the cagey pilot, who thinks of everything. Weill seems to have thought of the possibility of the Cuban's being too obstreperous.

With Valdes out of the picture, at least for a Miami fight, the name of Dan Bucceroni, of Philadelphia, has been brought up.

This suggestion, too, has found no favor with the calculating Weill. He can envision no profit, in any direction, from it.

Beat Bucceroni, he reasons,—and so what? Lose to Bucceroni? Who knows? Get the fans excited over a fight with Bucceroni? How, even in Miami?

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Some time back it was reported around the Garden in New York that Weill had sent out a feeler to Jim Norris about a little engagement with Danny Nardico.

However, Jim failed to get aroused over this. It certainly would not help anybody but Nardico—and him only in a financial way—if the Rock were to take him on for a picnic under the Miami moon.

Norris, who has been spending considerable time in Florida, has a lease on the Orange Bowl, with the right to hold two fights a Winter there. He has made very little use of this pact, and is eager to put on a heavyweight brawl.

He has been urging this fight on Weill, and Al has been urging in the opposite direction, with Marciano saying, "I go where and when Al tells me."

Weill wants a June fight in Yankee Stadium, and he seems to be in a fine position to get what he wants. He has been quite successful in that direction up to now, and he should not suffer a slump. Because Weill holds the key to the entire boxing situation, not only in the United States, but in the world.

While on the subject of matches Weill emphatically does not want a fight with light heavyweight champion Archie Moore. That is absolutely the least appealing to Rocky's pilot.

Moore is a fine boxer. He is not a bad hitter. He knows all the tricks, is a seasoned campaigner.

However, Archie never has been a crowd-puller. This does not argue that a fight between Marciano and Moore would not draw in Chicago, Pittsburgh, or San Francisco. It would not set the Stadium or Polo Grounds on fire in New York.

In staying away from Moore, Weill shows keen perception, as always, and a bright appreciation of what might happen.

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It is the writer's impression that Marciano could stop any heavyweight or light heavyweight now in the business.

But, as already has been pointed out, Weill thinks of everything. The Master is a pessimist.

With Moore barred from a fight with the Rock, Archie doubtless will engage Harold Johnson, Philadelphia light heavy who some time ago joined the I-Beat-Charles Club.

It seems that back in Weill's mind are two possible fights for Rocky, in June—with Charles, or with La Starza.

Al and the International BC might be able to stir up new interest in La Starza in New York. But right now, the idea

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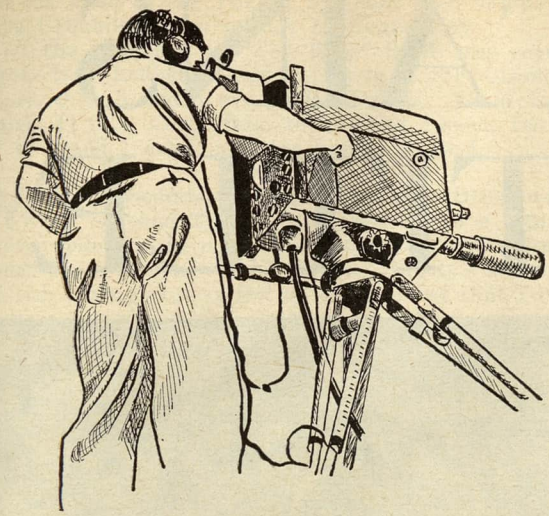

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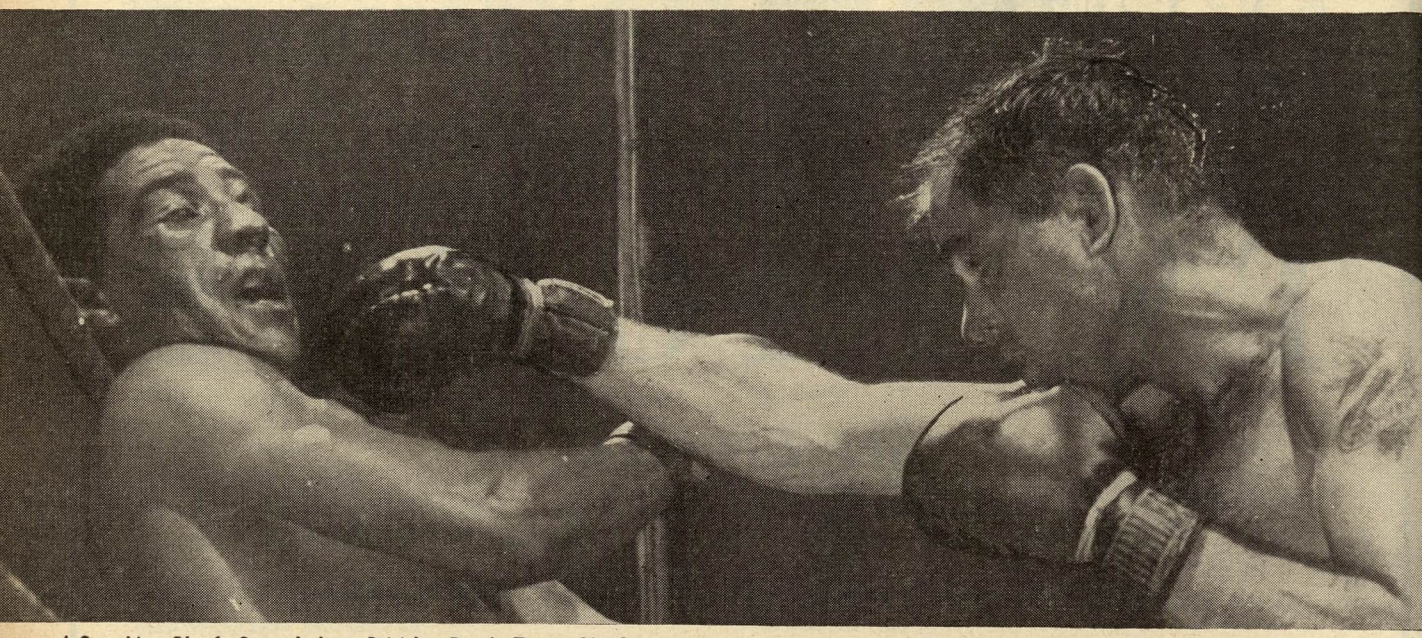

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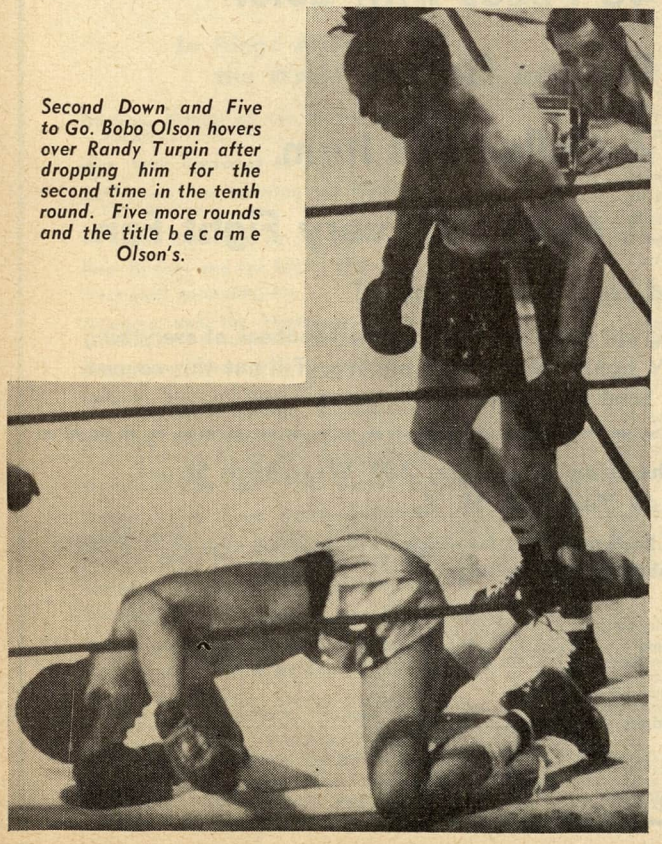
Bobo Olson outclasses Randy Turpin to ascend the middleweight throne vacated by Ray Robinson



Second Down and Five to Go. Bobo Olson hovers over Randy Turpin after dropping him for the second time in the tenth round. Five more rounds and the title became Olson's.

By NAT FLEISCHER

OUT of the fifteen round fight between the American Bobo Olson, and the British Randy Turpin, in the Garden in New York on October 21, came at least one salutary result. The controversy over the ownership of the middleweight championship of the world was settled, once and for all. Olson took the title, his to defend.

The surprisingly large turnout of 18,869, which paid $167,651 at the box office, with an additional $60,000 fee from television,—got its money's worth. The general opinion was that Bobo and Randy had produced a good fight, an interesting drama in which there had been an element of suspense for most of the 45 minutes of action.

The cognoscente of the press rows were not so enthusiastic. They deplored Olson's lack of a knockout punch, and Turpin's lack of the fire and fighting equality which once had won for him the middleweight title over Ray Robinson. Yet the bout was a most pleasing one.

The experts had wanted a more decisive result. That is, a knockout. However, the contest certainly was sufficiently decisive even minus the quietus. There was utterly no complaint with the unanimous decision.

Referee Al Berl produced a score of 9 to 4 and two even in favor of Olson. Charley Shortell, one of New York State's most alert and best judges, saw it 11 to 4 for Olson and Judge Arthur Susskind, another excellent judge, who once fought under the name of Young Otto, had it as close as 8 to 7 for Olson. The fans thought that tally was out of kilter with what actually happened, considering that there were two knockdowns.

As I saw the fight, Olson took nine rounds and Turpin five with one even. To Randy went the first three on my card. After the fifth, the Briton receded gradually until he presented a mere imitation with an exceptional turn for the better, of the Turpin who had beaten Robinson and

not too close to the Turpin who had been stopped at the Polo Grounds in ten rounds by Sugar Ray.

Of the members of "The Ring" Staff who covered the fight, Nat Loubet tallied it 10 to 5 for Olson; Jersey Jones, 9 to 5 and 1 even; Dan Daniel, 11 to 4; Johnny Salak, 11 to 4, Lew Eskin, 10 to 4 and 1 even, Ted Carroll, 11 to 4 and 1 even; and Joe Smith, 10 to 5.

WHEN immediately after the contest, Olson was asked if he believed Turpin to be entitled to a return fight, Bobo replied in the negative. Not that Turpin already had asked for a return match. In fact, Randy's showing made British boxing experts feel quite convinced that Turpin was looking eagerly in the direction of a fresh marriage, and ring retirement. He definitely let the British down by lack of training.

American boxing students were no more interested in another Olson-Turpin fight than Bobo himself was. Bobo's margin of victory was too big to have earned for Turpin another chance.

The general belief was that Olson's first defense of the world title would have to be against Kid Gavilan, now too heavy to continue in the welterweight division, but still an excellent box office attraction.

A fight with the Cuban will fill the San Francisco Cow Palace. It's a natural.

An Olson—Gavilan scrap would not lack for action, for suspense, for the high uncertainty which makes the ideal match. The Cuban Bolo Kid fits properly into the new picture.

True, 'The Hawk' from Havana is not the fighter he used to be. But it is conceivable that the tremendous incentive of a shot at the middleweight title would bring back the old Gavilan fire, the old bolo punch wizardry, the zest for training and for achievement. He has a big following, is an excellent crowd pleaser and possesses the necessary qualifications to give Olson a good fight and an opportunity to make a financial haul in his first title defense. Such a bout is wanted by the fighters, the managers, Promoter Norris who has first call on the services of both and the public, and I'm certain it will take place in February.

UNEASY lies the head that wears a crown. Olson finally has become the 160 pound leader of the world. But his triumph has come at an advanced stage of his career, which finds him troubled sorely by the 160 pound limit. But with proper training such as fitted him for the Turpin fight, he will make the class limit when called upon to do it.

Turpin had trouble making the weight until some ten days before the fight. Then he weakened himself, and at the weighing in, tipped the beam at 157. Far too low for Randy.

His strength had been sapped and he appeared to realize that he had to win early by a knockout, or be worn down. Randy nearly nailed Bobo in the first round, with a right to the jaw and a left to the body. Toward the close of this heat, Randy shook him up with another hard right to the jaw. His own chance was to gain a quick kayo and that's what he went after.

Olson floored his man twice. He toppled him for what might have been the quietus at the end of the ninth round. The bell came at five but the count went up to eight.

In the tenth, a right to the body, after a fusillade, dropped Randy for nine. He was in very bad shape. But he was game and gave Bobo fair punishment in the last five beats.

Olson, the balding Hawaiian, won because he was in prime physical condition, took the Briton's strong wallops in the first three rounds without flinching, and came back with his own two-fisted attack in the remainder of the fight to turn the tide and clinch victory by a big margin. Presumably the lighter hitter, he did the most damage. The two knockdowns he scored furnished the dramatic moments in a battle that was exciting, had plenty of suspense, was pretty cleanly fought and was waged in a manner that appealed to the gathering that filled the Garden.

THE surprise of the fight came in the failure of Olson to take advantage of a situation in the tenth which a veteran of his standing should have been quick to grasp. In that round Olson pinned Turpin against the ropes as he had frequently done in previous rounds and unleashed a body barrage.

With nose bleeding and blood coming from his mouth, Turpin bobbed and weaved against the ropes then went down, took a count of nine, got up, and slid along the ropes until Bobo caught up with him and had a stationary target before him. Turpin was leaning against the ropes for support as he had done the year before in the tenth round of his fight with Robinson, but unlike Ray, who when he saw the open target fired away at Randy's body to bring down his face guard, Olson kept tossing blows at the head while Turpin had no protection for the body. His hands were high and far apart.

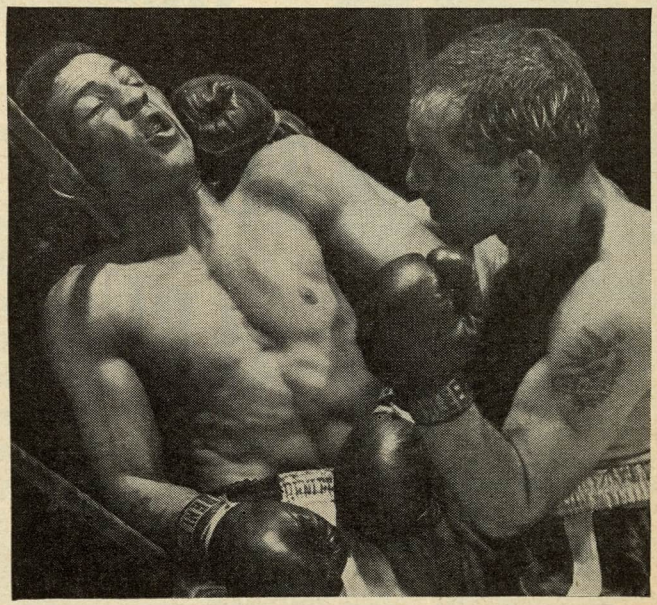
Bobo's seconds were quick to see the fighter's error. They screamed at him to hit for the body.

"Step back and hit him in the belly," Sol Gold one of Bobo's seconds shouted, but Olson paid no attention. He kept going for the swaying head and thus missed his best chance to win by a knockout. He finally did let one go, but it missed and Randy was able to manoeuver out of the tight spot into which he had gotten himself.

This wasn't the only time Bobo had Randy set for a kayo, but it was his best opportunity. He pinned the Britisher against the ropes four times thereafter but never again did he get such a chance to end the fight as he did in the tenth and missed his chance.

Olson started to take control in the fourth and with few exceptions, he gained round after round from that point to the end. The big surprise towards the finish, was the fighting furry displayed by Turpin in the final round which Randy won. But that one round triumph didn't help him any towards winning the crown. He was too far behind from the punishing lefts and rights that kept popping his head and body relentlessly for eleven of the last thirteen rounds!

FROM across the half-way mark, it seemed inconceivable that the fight would last the limit because the Briton showed more and more fatigue as the fight went along.



After being ahead early in the fight, Randy Turpin (left) tired but fought back gamely. The turning point of the bout was in the ninth and tenth rounds when Olson belabored the former champion.

That at times he was able suddenly to cut loose with an attack that had his opponent momentarily bewildered, speaks well of his fortitude. To one, who like me, had seen Randy in action in a number of good fights, it indicated that with proper conditioning, Randy's chances for victory would have been at least on a par with those of his opponent. Olson dominated every round he took but in none did he walk off with the honors by as wide a margin as did Randy with the first three rounds.

The eighth round was Randy's best. He came pretty close to scoring a kayo when he caught the American napping. Bobo received a long right to the jaw that shook his head and caused his knees to sag. That punch might

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Five great old time boxing announcers. Left to right—Peter Prunty, Fred Burns, Charley Harvey, Johnny Quinn and Joe Humphries. Prunty is the only one still living.

THE OLD TIMERS' ALBUM

The late "sailor" Tom Sharkey as he looked in his prime. One of the toughest heavyweights of all time.

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Jack Dempsey poses with a group of Newspaper men at Toledo, Ohio, before his winning fight with Jess Willard for the heavyweight title. Left to right—Scoop Gleason, Ike Dorgan, Jack Kearns, Hype Igoe, Pete Lluneza, Dempsey, Jack Gleason, Tad, and Bill McGeehan.

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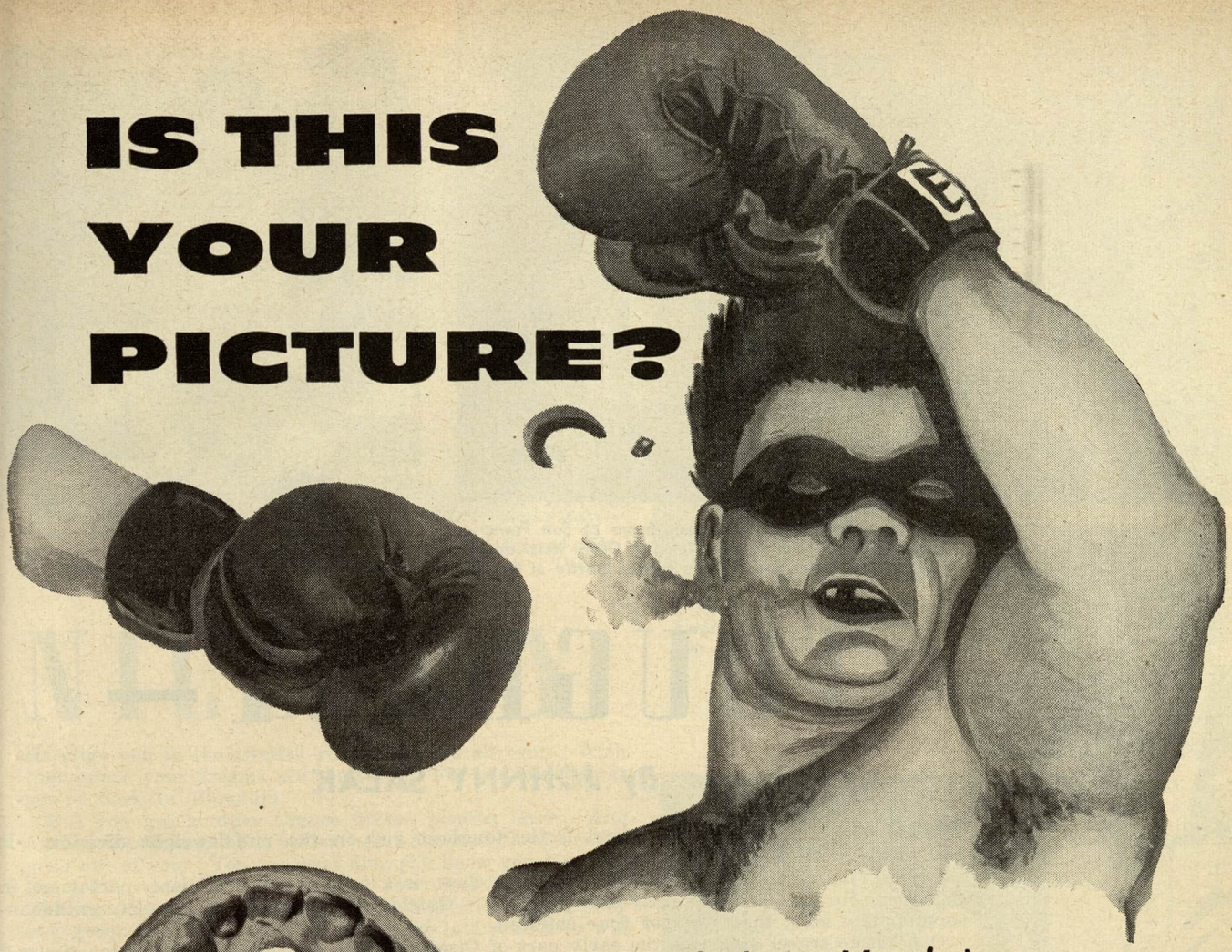

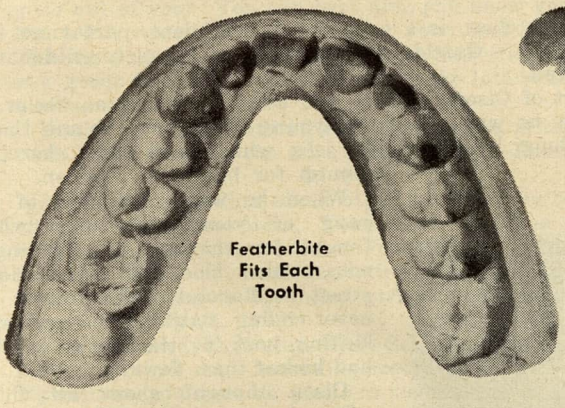

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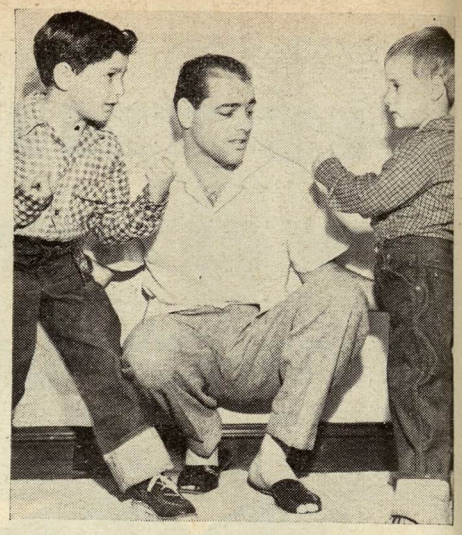
Olson Arrives! The champ comes home to San Francisco and is greeted by his mother, Annie D. Olson (left) and his wife, Dolores, after winning the biggest battle of his life.



A family squabble and Pop is the referee. Bobo's two sons, Bozo (left) and Vincent (right) square off as they try to emulate Dad.

TOUGHEST—

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE toughest guy to write about is the toughest guy in the middleweight division. It should be easy but isn't.

Carl (Bobo) Olson, the new ruler of that class, is a colorless, but efficient, performer in the ring. He does his job neatly and precisely. Outside the ring, he is a quiet, mild-mannered family man, the father of four children.

One has to travel back into the early part of Olson's life to get what is known as "color." Back to the back alleys of Honolulu, when he was a hungry, young kid from a home that had been split up. When he had to work long hours at odd jobs which paid little, barely enough for him to get by on.

When he was a member of a gang of young hoodlums who fought for the sake of fighting, who spilled blood on every side street in Honolulu, who fought a never-ending battle for survival, kicking back at the world which had kicked them down.

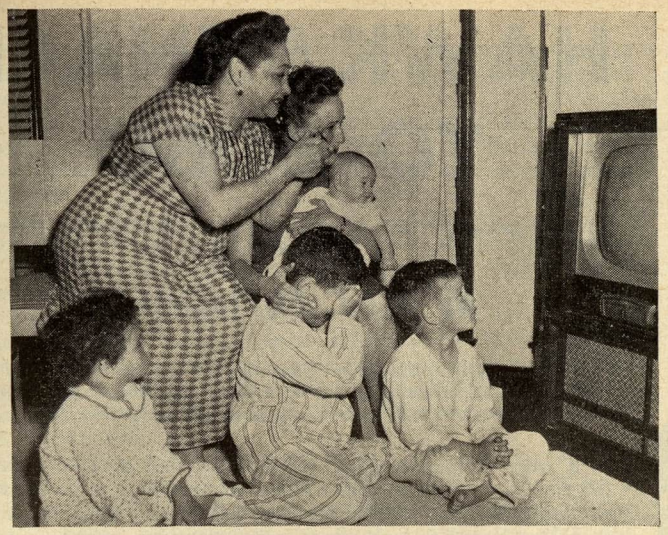
Olson thought about all this when he won the title. "You wouldn't ever call them good boys. They liked to drink and hell it up. Some are dead, some are in jail. Wanting to be a fighter kept me out of the real rough trouble they used to get into."

Wanting to be a fighter. Dreaming, as all young fighters dream, of one day winning the championship of the world. It's easy when you're dreaming but it's a long tough haul in reality. Too many stumbling blocks, too many tough fights, too many heartbreaks. Any place along the line, an opponent's punch or a punch from fate can scramble the dream in your head.

It could be that you're unlucky enough to run up against the greatest fighter of the decade—like a Ray Robinson. Like Bobo did. You get a shot at the title and you're a scared young kid—because Robinson's in that ring with you. Anyone else, you feel, you could beat. But—Robby. It's murder.

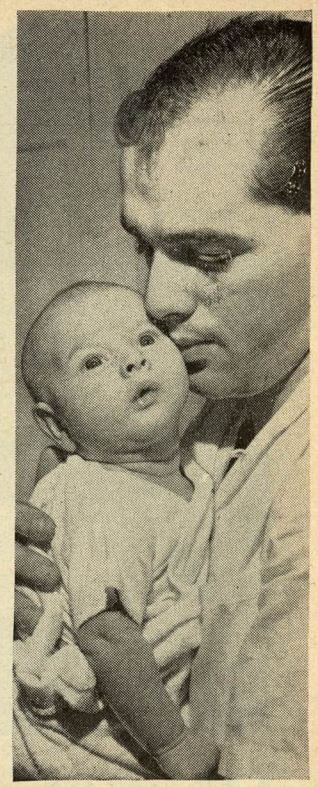
Just Jogging Along to the Title. Olson believes leg conditioning is all-important.

They say Olson can't break an egg with his punches. He proves them wrong as he "tears" one apart with his hands.



Rootin' Him Home at Home. Olson's family, his mother and wife and four children, watched the champ win the title on a TV set in San Francisco.

A story, "How to Beat Randy Turpin" by Carl (Bobo) Olson. The fight went according to script.



Bobo talks it over with the youngest addition to the Olson family. Arthur Donald doesn't know it yet, but his Dad is a world champ.

NICE GUY

He clips you in the twelfth round and it's all over. With that punch your dreams are shattered. For your next fight you're back in Honolulu.

But you get another chance fifteen months later. And again—it's Robby. You've learned. Some of the fear has gone out of you. You can beat him, you know you can. By the tenth round you've held him even and he looks bad. This time you can do it. But you're forgetting that Robby is a great fighter. He closes fast in the late rounds to win a close decision.

You're thinking about all that as you relax in the dressing room after winning the title in a bout with Randy Turpin.

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And you're thinking about other things. You're thinking about your Dad and Mom. Your father had been a sergeant in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Shafter. An American Swede. He's a Federal narcotics agent in Hawaii now. Your mother was a Hawaiian girl, part Portuguese. You were born July 11, 1928.

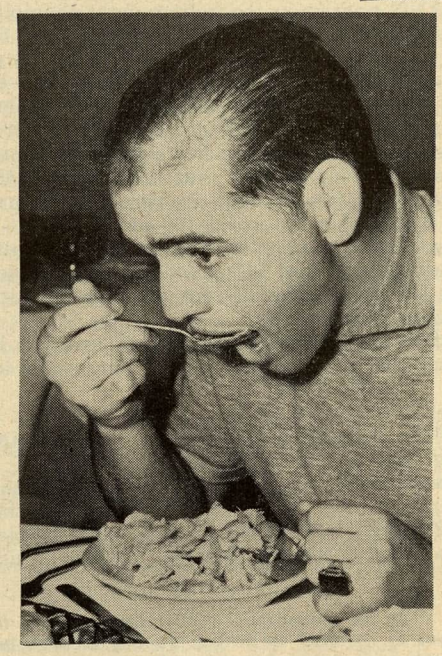
You attended McKinley High School in Honolulu. And played football and baseball—pretty good, too! Like all Hawaiians, you were an excellent swimmer even as a youngster. But what you were crazy about were horses. You always wanted to be a jockey. Eventually you grew too big and too heavy for that. It was a pretty good life, being a youngster—until everything seemed to get mixed up.

You were a kid of twelve when your parents broke up, and you went to work at a dairy farm ten miles outside of Honolulu, at Kalili. You worked from early dawn to darkness, milking cows, tending cattle, riding horses, doing this for three and a half years and rarely earning more than fifteen dollars a week. You were poor and you wore second hand clothes.

But you were tough—the work made you tough. You were well-muscled and strong, compactly built. And your poverty made you akin to the "gang"—the Kalili gang, you were called. They were all older than you but you were as big as any of them and they accepted you as an equal and later, even, as their leader. You the leader of a group of Europeans, Japs, Filipinos, Koreans and some Irish and Jewish boys—a motley crew of ragamuffins.

That's where you acquired those tattos. All the guys had them—to the Kalili gang it was like the mark of a fraternity pin. "Mother" was needled into your left arm and on your right was a ferocious-looking dragon. Like a balance between right and wrong. And you were in the middle.

The war was on then, feelings ran high and everybody seemed to be going crazy. Remember the night you were on that bus in Honolulu? The drunken U. S. Navy sailor looked you over—you were big for your age. Suddenly he jumped at you, grabbed your collar and spluttered, "When are you going to enlist and stop dodging the draft?"



Stowing It Away. The champ's a big eater and middleweights aren't his only dish.

You convinced him you were too young—but first you had a good brawl and beat the heck out of him.

Then you were a bouncer at a dime-a-rhumba joint. The town was filled with them. You met Billy James, one of the Islands' pro fighters, who also worked there, and went to the gym with him and fell in love with the game. So you quit your job at the farm and slept at the gym, in return for doing odd jobs there.

YOU were only fifteen when you were fighting in the amateurs but you lied about your age and you won nine of your thirteen bouts. Then you turned pro—scored a knockout and got a big $22 for the effort. It looks small now but it was a lot of dough then. You had three more bouts—won all by kayo—before the Hawaiian Commission

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HAWK MENACE TO BOBO

Gavilan's spectacular defense of welter title against Bratton threat to Olson.

By NAT FLEISCHER

Food For Thought. Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan looks happy and confident as he does a good job on a steak after the weigh-in for his title bout with Johnny Bratton. Did a good job on Bratton, too.

KID GAVILAN'S position as the welterweight champion of the world was strengthened tremendously by his clean cut, decisive, at times spectacular fifteen round victory over Johnny Bratton in Chicago, on November 13.

The Hawk did everything to Bratton but knock him out.

The question now is, where does Gavilan go from here?

The Cuban has his eyes on the middleweight crown, now held by Bobo Olson. It may be said that the Hawk of the Bratton fight would be a most serious problem for the man who beat Randy Turpin for the world 160 pound title.

In spite of the fact that Gavilan had serious difficulty making the welterweight limit of 147 pounds for the Bratton brawl, he says he has no intention of relinquishing that title in order to challenge Olson.

As a matter of fact, not even in New York would it be necessary for Gavilan to resign as welter king in order to meet Olson.

However, under the New York law, if Gavilan were to meet, and beat, Bobo, he could not hold both championships. He would have to give up one or the other.

Under NBA regulations, too, Gavilan would not be able to hold both championships. It is obvious that, in casting eyes on the middleweight crown, the Cuban wants to play it safe. With no weight making worries, Gavilan would be a rugged opponent for Olson, who had trouble making 160 for Turpin. The Hawk came into the ring with Bratton weakened by his weight making regimen. Yet, he threw countless punches and won with startling ease.

Many ring stars have possessed new courage. It was on display in the historic Ad Wolgast-Joe Rivers, Wolgast-Battling Nelson and Joe Gans-Nelson fights. Also in the Ritchie Mitchell-Benny Leonard, Jess Willard-Jack Dempsey, Dempsey-Luis Firpo and Max Schmeling-Mickey Walker battles among many other thrilling mills, but never to a greater degree than in the fight which saw Bratton so thoroughly trounced.

It was as savagely a fought contest in which during most of the rounds the pitching was done by Gavilan, and the catching by Bratton. At no time, however, did Bratton show signs of quitting though he would have been justified had he accepted the verdict of his manager, Hymie Wallman, to call a halt at the end of the twelfth round.

During my fifty years as a ringside reporter, I have seen no fight more honestly fought, with greater determination. Pity, that in his bold stand, Bratton couldn't have been saved from such severe punishment. The referee would have been justified had he stopped the fight.

As had been predicted, Gavilan retained his title, but by a far greater margin than had been expected. He pranced out of the ring with the unanimous verdict of the officials, his sixth successive title defense.

What made him happier than ever, was the fact that, at 146 pounds, a weight which it was figured would slow him up and make him a mark for his adversary's cleverness and sharp hitting, the sleek Cuban was more aggressive, keener on the attack, fresher and stronger than I had seen him in any of his previous battles.

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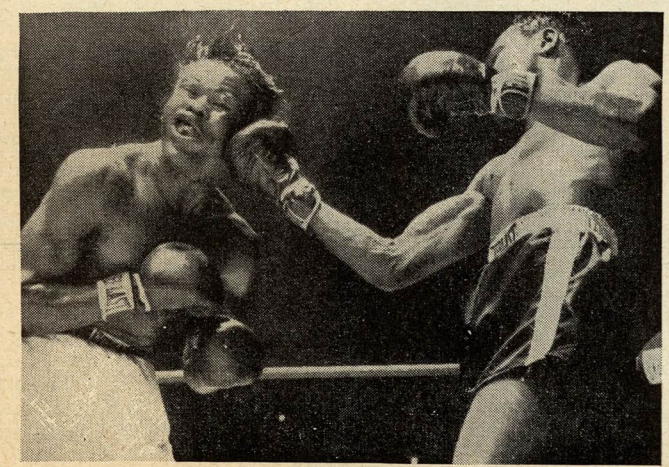
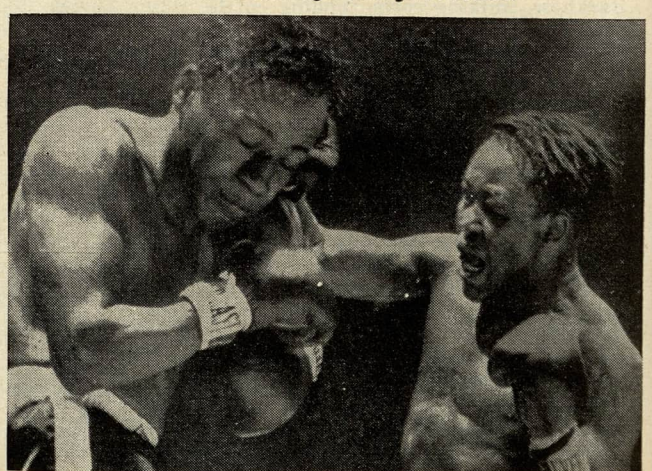
THE 19,620 fight fans, only a few hundred fewer than a complete sell out of the arena, who paid $176,390, left the Stadium convinced that like Sugar Ray Robinson before

Mr. B (for Bratton) stung the Cuban (left) several times early in the fight but Gavilan was in no mood for trifling on this occasion and swatted his opponent continuously.



Gavilan (right) drives a hard right to the head of Bratton in the fourth round. The champion gave a matchless performance as he overwhelmed the No. 1 challenger through 15 rounds.



him, Gavilan has cleaned up his division of good opponents and had earned the right to a shot at Olson's middleweight crown.

With percentage and television money, the Cuban took down a purse of $73,859.60 while Bratton, for the licking he took, received a check for 26,947.80. The net receipts were $134,739.

Olson vs. Gavilan would be a fine scrap between brainy boxers possessing speed, two handy fists, the ability to toss a punch from almost any angle, agility, courage and perseverance.

In addition, Gavilan's excellent timing, his one-two combination which he used with effectiveness twice against Bratton, and his whirlwind attacks, make him an ideal opponent for Olson. Bobo is eager to cash in on his victory over Turpin and will find no one with the gate appeal of the Cuban Kid.

That's why it appears certain that Olson's first middleweight championship defense will be against the Cuban.

The score cards of the three officials and those of the fistic scribes who covered the fight, showed the clear-cut margin by which Gavilan turned back his adversary. Referee Frank Gilmer tabbed it 82 to 68. Judge Bill O'Connell's score was 85 to 65 and that of Judge Ed Hintz was 83 to 67. I had the welter king ahead by 89 to 61. Judging the fight according to the New York round by round system, which with the four point Wisconsin system is the best in our country, I gave only one round, the first to Bratton and the fifth and tenth rounds a draw for a count of 12 to 1 and two even.

Though Gavilan was expected to be weak at the weight, he was stronger than in his fights with Billy Graham in Cuba in which I was a judge and that against Carmen Basilio in Syracuse.

The eighth round was the standout session of the fight for the winner. In that exciting frame, the jammed Chicago Stadium was in a bedlam as Gavilan cut loose with an avalanche of lefts and rights at such terrific speed that he had the spectators gasping.

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THAT bombardment was the start of a series that at intervals continued to the clang of the final gong. I counted fifty-three punches to jaw and body without one return in that eighth frame.

It was one of the most continuous tosses of leather seen over a stretch of many years in a world championship fight. The combing Bratton received from that round to the end of the battle, took almost all of the starch out of the challenger, who only occasionaly thereafter, possessed sufficient grit and power to fight back and hold his own.

The Cuban punched so swiftly, it was almost impossible to record the blows. If I hadn't a stop watch with me and ticked off the blows as they were hurled at Johnny I couldn't have tabbed the punches the Chicagoan received.

When the ninth got under way, it seemed that Gavilan had sapped his strength for he started off at a slow pace and permitted his rival to regain his equilibrium. He had slowed down considerably, yet he had sufficient left to carry off that round. But Bratton put on the pressure in the tenth and held his own, much to the astonishment of the spectators who cheered him for his great comeback after the severe lacing he had taken two rounds before.

But with that effort, Bratton expended his strength and thereafter until the end of the fray only his gameness, one equalled by that of the referee who permitted the vicious attack to continue for five rounds, kept the challenger fighting. At times in those final sessions it appeared that Gavilan sympathetically tried to prevent further injury to his opponent by letting up in the attack. Then suddenly he burst forth again with a vicious assault in an attempt to end Johnny's agony via the knockout route. But in neither did he succeed. Finally Referee Gilmer in the fifteenth round, instead of halting the fight, stepped between the boys at every opportunity to give Bratton a chance to remain on his feet.

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EACH time that the Cuban bombardment got under way, it was a left hook that started the assault. From time to time he would mix his style, boxing, tossing punches with both fists and when partially exhausted, fight from a crouching position in which he baffled his opponent.

It was the third time these fighters had met and in this battle, Bratton was the pupil facing the master.

The best punches Johnny landed were delivered in the fifth in which round he smashed two powerful blows to the jaw that halted Gavilan's advance temporarily and enabled Johnny to gain an even break. But in the next two rounds, the pace set by the champion and his steady attack, left their mark on the challenger who began to show signs of fatigue. Then came the savage assault in the eight that turned the tide to such extent, the challenger never again was in the running except for one round in which Gavilan purposely eased up to recover his wind.

What happened thereafter, was a tribute to Bratton's sturdiness and gameness. Though stunned repeatedly, rocked with lefts and rights to the jaw, battered by an assortment of shots that had they landed with the power possessed by harder hitters than the Cuban would have put the Chicagoan away, Johnny pleaded with his mentor to permit the bout to continue and so it did.

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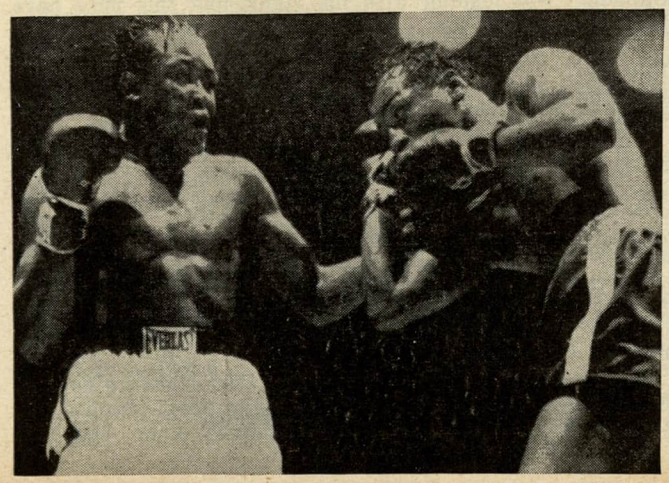
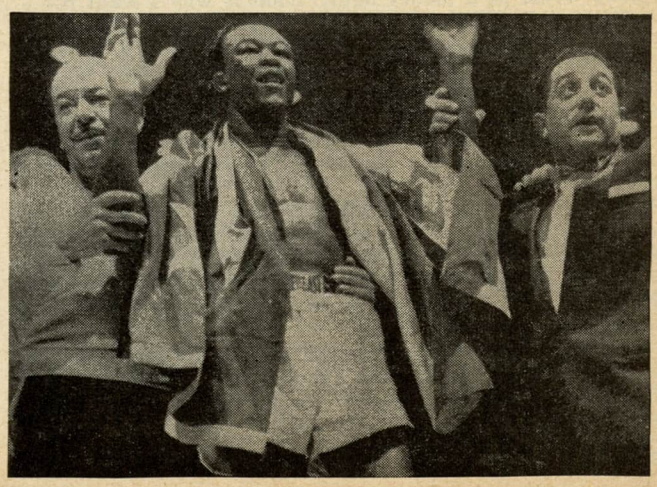
The Kid never appeared in more perfect condition and set at rest the reports that he no longer can make the welterweight limit and be strong. The destructive fury of his sustained attacks proved it.

Though the Cuban had announced that his fight with Bratton would be his last as a welter champion, he has changed his mind. He says now that he will give up the title only after he fights Olson.

As the bout progressed, it became no longer a contest but a one-sided exhibition of Gavilan's (left) prowess and his marked superiority over the entire welter division. Look out, middleweights!



Gavilan Wins Hands Up. Both arms raised in victory after the sixth successful defense of his title, Kid Gavilan is flanked by manager Angel Lopez (left) and ring announcer Ben Bentley (right).



The Kayo King

By AL BUCK

The Winner and still champion, Jimmy Carter has his arm raised by referee Tom Sullivan, with an assist from his manager Willie Ketchum, following his one punch kayo over Armand Savoie (right) in the fifth round of their fight in Montreal.

IN defending the world lightweight championship, James W. Carter has run up a string of knockouts that have made him a contender for the world welterweight championship. Once again the old story of a champion in one division moving up to fight for a title in the class above may be about to be repeated.

The 29-year old Carter risked the 135-pound crown for the third time in 12 months against Armand Savoie, French-Canadian challenger, at the Montreal Forum. He had lost to Savoie in a non-title battle some months back, but now the chips were down. Carter settled everything with a right to the jaw in the fifth round.

It wasn't until he was back in the dressing room that Jimmy revealed his ambition to box the welterweight champion. And it isn't because he has difficulty making the lightweight limit that he wants to move up.

Quite honestly Jimmy said: "My boxing the welterweight champ would be a money fight. That is why I want it."

Other lightweight champions have tried. Some have failed. Others have succeeded. Benny Leonard, perhaps, the greatest of all lightweight champions, tried in 1922 only to lose to Jack Britton on a foul in 13 rounds. Barney Ross tried it in 1934 and outpointed Jimmy McLarnin to become welterweight king. Ross lost it back to McLarnin, and then regained it from him. Their series made ring history.

The amazing Henry Armstrong was featherweight and welterweight champion when he won the lightweight title from Lou Ambers in 1938. At least there is a precedent for what Jimmy Carter wants to do. There is also a growing belief that Carter is a much better fighter than he has been given credit for being.

The record shows he knocked out Tom Collins in four rounds at Boston. He then knocked out George Araujo in 13 rounds at Madison Square Garden. Now he has knocked out Savoie in 59 seconds of the fifth round.

SAVOIE, the 23-year old son of a Montreal fireman, and a former member of the Canadian Olympic team, knew he faced the opportunity of a life time. He didn't choke up when he found himself in the ring with the champion. Instead Armand Savoie took his best punch. It wasn't good enough.

In the first round Savoie seemed faster than the champion. Carter was trying to feel him out, but Armand followed a left hook to the jaw with a solid right to the body. The large crowd, rooting for the home town boy, cheered as the round ended.

Savoie's assortment of punches had Carter on the defensive in the second round. When the challenger drove him to the ropes the champion didn't rally. Instead he clinched.

As the third round got under way Savoie crossed a right to Carter's chin. He tried it again, but missed. The Canadian was leading with his right, and this may have been the mistake that cost him the fight.

The fourth was a big round, and as I saw it, was the first that Carter won. In a furious exchange both suffered cuts over the left eye. Savoie was also bleeding from a wound under the right eye, as Carter put on a strong finish.

Now Carter was ready for the kill. As the fifth round, so fatal to Savoie started, Jimmy hooked his left to the body. He followed it with a right to the ribs. Savoie was coming in when Jimmy feinted to the body with his left. Armand started his right for the champion's chin, but Jimmy beat him to the punch.

As the blow exploded on his chin Savoie went down. He fell on his back, turned over and was sprawled with his hands and feet on the canvas when Referee Tommy Sullivan finished the count of 10.

A check of the three judges—the referee has no vote in Montreal—showed that two of them had Savoie leading up to the knockout. A third had the fight even. My own

score gave the first three rounds to Savoie, and the fourth to Carter.

Nevertheless the finish for all its dramtic suddenness, was not surprising. What was going to happen appeared obvious from the working press section half way through the fourth. No fighter is going to lead right hands at Jimmy Carter and get away with it. At least no lightweight is going to do it.

LOOKING over his own class, Carter could see no contender he will have to deal with in the immediate future. Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati is first in The Ring's ratings. Smith is a powerful puncher, but many believe he will have difficulty with the weight. The question is: will Smith be able to punch with authority when scaling 135 pounds?

Others in the field are Orlando Zulueta of Cuba; Ralph Dupas of New Orleans and Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif. Dupas, only 18 years old, is too young and too inexperienced. Carter does have an offer of $40,000 to box Eddie Chavez in San Francisco for the lightweight title.

The busy champion has earned a rest, and he can't be asked to defend the lightweight title again for another six months. He is taking a vacation right now, and when he returns to the ring he wants a shot at the welterweight crown.

In going into the welterweight class Carter has a weight problem. He is a better fighter at the lightweight limit than he is when over the weight. He has been beaten frequently in non-title bouts, and more often than not his performances have been described as "sluggish."

When fighting for the lightweight title it has been different. Carter was a trim 133½ pounds for Savoie, who scaled a half pound heavier. And as we saw he was a first class fighting man in the Forum ring.

Jimmy agreed that he was at his best. "I know the punch I knocked him out with was the best I have ever thrown," the champion said.

"It was a perfect punch," said Savoie. "I have been hit harder, but this one was perfectly timed. I saw it coming and couldn't get out of the way."

Naturally Savoie would like to try again. His intentions are to fight his way through the division until he is the outstanding challenger. If he can do it Carter will be only too willing to give the Montreal boy a second chance. Jimmy knows it is a struggle to reach the top. He knows because he went through it.

"It is nice to be champion," said Carter the day after the fight. "I like to feel I am the best, and the money comes in handy. It is nice to be going home to my wife and two children and known I can give them a happy Christmas."

Carter was born in Aiken, S. C., and in his early youth lived in The Bronx in New York City. He now resides at South Ozone Park, L. I. He is a quiet individual, who never boasts or brags. Boxing writers have stopped asking him to predict he will knock out this or that opponent.

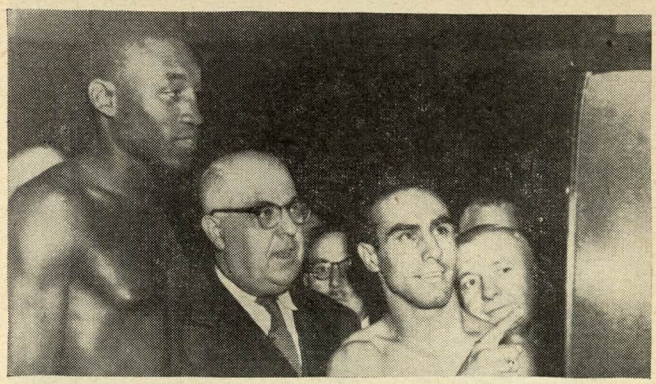
"I never make predictions," said Carter. "I don't want to belittle my opponents, and I don't want to let my friends down." He first won the lightweight title from Ike Williams on May 25, 1951 at the Garden. The fading Williams, weakened by making weight, was knocked out in the 14th round.

Nobody gave Carter much credit for winning. Williams was over-the-hill as most champions are when they come to the inevitable end of the trail. The dubious opinion the experts had of the new champion seemed confirmed when he lost the title in 15-rounds to Lauro Salas, the Mexican, at Los Angeles less than a year after winning it.

"I learned my lesson that night. I had beaten Salas before and I thought he was easy," Carter said. "I didn't do much training for the fight, and I am not saying that as an alibi. My losing the title was my own fault. I began to feel tired in the fifth round, and by the 10th I had run out of gas. He piled it on in the last five.

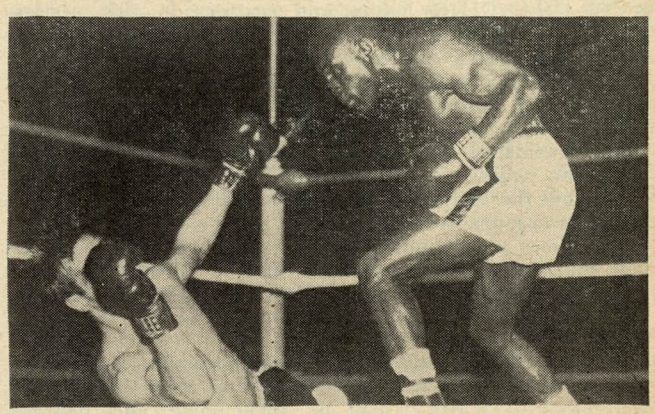
"I haven't made that mistake since, and I am never going to make it again. I have scored three knockouts in defense of the title this year. For all three—the Collins, Araujo and Savoie fights—I put in weeks of hard work at Summit, N. J."

Carter won the title back from Salas at Chicago late in 1952. Then he went to work to prove he was a worthy champion. Nobody will deny he has accomplished his purpose. He has lost in non-title bouts, perhaps because he can't get keyed up when there is little at stake, but when the championship has been on the line he has left nothing to chance.



Armand Savoie points to the 133½ scaled by lightweight champion Jimmy Carter for their title fight the first held in Montreal since 1931. In the middle is Montreal's boxing commissioner Emile Gauthier.

Lightweight king Jimmy Carter winces as challenger Armand Savoie scores with a hard right to the head in the fourth round of their bout at the Forum in Montreal.

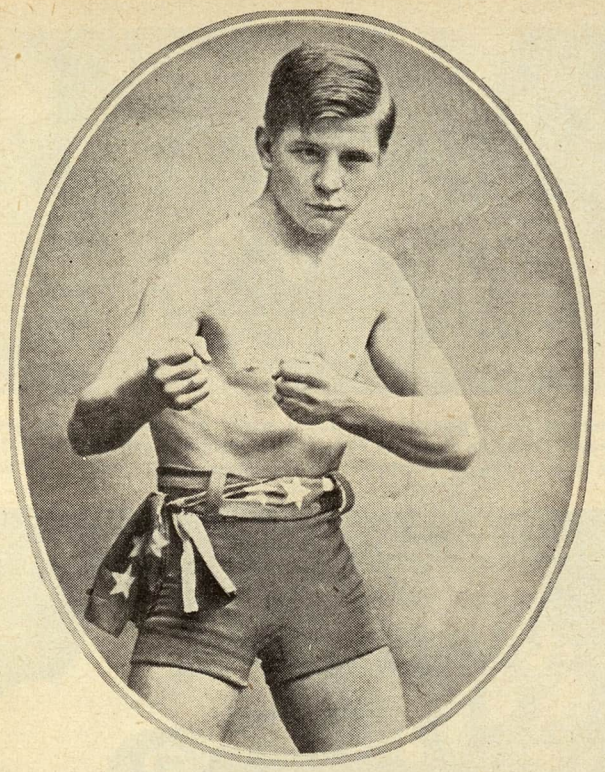


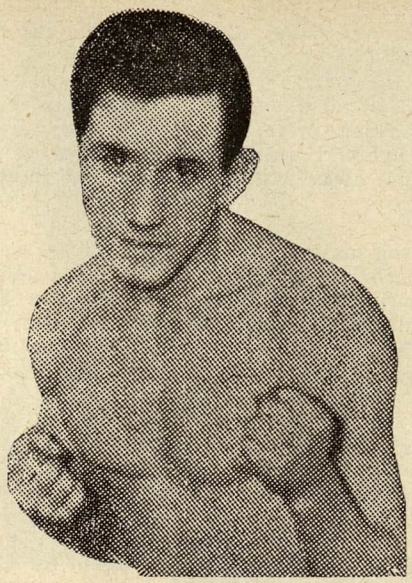
Finis, Armand Savoie hits the canvas, after being kayoed by a terrific short right cross delivered by Jimmy Carter. The time was 59 seconds of the fifth round.

No champion has the record Carter has for 1953. Three times he went to the post in defense of his crown. Three times he scored knockouts.

It is also true that neither Collins nor Araujo have been able to win since losing to Carter. The former has retired, and Araujo performances have been dismal. Perhaps Savoie will escape their sorry fate. He is young and ambitious, and he didn't take the physical beating that Collins and Araujo took. For Savoie the end came suddenly. One punch and it was all over.

It is regreted that the fight was not on television, since it was a good one. Eddie Quinn, the Montreal promoter, agreed to a telecast, but the sponsor couldn't get the wires necessary to carry it into the United States. With a complete blackout Carter and Savoie attracted 9,136 fans and drew $53,719.





(Left) Knockout Brown, the first southpaw to attain ring prominence. Pigeon-toed and cross-eyed, as well as left-handed, the rugged New York lightweight was a puzzling problem to his opponents, but a popular favorite with promoters and fans. (Above) Jackie Paterson of Scotland, who became the flyweight division's first left-handed champion. Jackie set a new style for British and European rings, and they are now cluttered with southpaws.

left-handed compliments

By JERSEY JONES

EVER-CHANGING habits and customs in this restless world do account for some strange happenings in the rugged fist-tossing trade.

Consider, for instance, the steadily-increasing activity of southpaws in the current international sock exchange.

Time was, and not so many years ago, when left-handers were considered a curious, and exclusive, product of American rings.

Beyond the limits of the United States, portsiders in boxing were practically unknown.

But times and conditions do change, indeed. You won't find many southpaws operating in the American market now, but in other lands the lefties of the species have become almost as numerous and prominent as the "orthodox" righties.

It was only recently, within a brief stretch of two weeks, that three southpaws—lightweight Joe Lucy of London, welterweight Wally Thom of Birkenhead and bantamweight Johnny Kelly of Belfast—became British champions.

The current holder of the European welterweight title is a French southpaw Gilbert Lavoine. The opponent he eliminated for the then vacant laurels was Cliff Curvis of Wales, another portsider!

Tabbed as two of the best fighters in Germany are light-heavyweight Willi Hoepner and middleweight Gustav Scholz. Both operate from the distaff side.

And who finally brought to Australia its long-sought first world champion? Bantam Jimmy Carruthers, a southpaw!

WHAT has been responsible for the increasing output of left-handers in boxing is difficult to understand. Maybe, like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," they jus' growed. There never has been a law against them, of course, but during the bare-knuckle era of the London Prize Ring Rules and the early decades of the modern Marquis of Queensberry code, southpaws just didn't happen. It was an unwritten but generally accepted rule that any natural left-hander who wanted to become a fighter had to "convert" himself and function from a right-handed stance.

The musty archives of the prize-ring fail to reveal just when and where portsiders began to ease into the profession, but the first one to attain prominence was Knockout Brown, rugged slugger out of New York's old Gas-house District.

It was back around 1908 that Brown, then a featherweight, began to hit the headlines, and for six years he was a popular attraction with promoters and fans. In one year, 1910, as a lightweight, he fought no less than 45 main events, most of them no-decision affairs in New York and Philadelphia, and among his opponents were such top performers as world champion Ad Wolgast, Matt Wells, One Round Hogan, Philadelphia Pal Moore and Harlem Tommy Murphy.

The little Dutchman was a tough kid, and a pretty good fighter, but much of his success and popularity were accounted for by his strange fighting style and contributing physical oddities. He was pigeon-toed and cross-eyed, and opponents not only had a disconcerting problem trying to figure his left-handed tactics but they never could tell, looking at his feet or his eyes, in which direction he was moving next or where he was aiming his punches.

THE next southpaw of consequence was George (K.O.) Chaney, stocky Baltimorean, and one of the deadliest hitters, pound for pound, the ring ever has produced. Chaney started as a bantam, hit his peak as a feather, and finished as a lightweight. He was the first fighter in history to reach the century mark in knockouts. When he finally hung up the mittens, George had posted a total of 102 during his busy career, which began in 1910 and ended in 1925. The Baltimorean's main handicap was an inability to receive as well as give. His own chin wasn't too rugged, and he was flattened a half-dozen times, once by Johnny Kilbane in a featherweight title bout in Cedar Point, near Cleveland, in 1916.

PROBABLY the most efficient southpaw of all was Lew Tendler of Philadelphia, who started in 1913 as a bantam and ended in 1928 as a welter. Lefty Lew, a shifty boxer and fast, accurate puncher, was a standout as a lightweight from 1917 to 1924, and in a normal course of events would have been world champion. Unfortunately for him, however, there was something more than "normal" in the fighter who blocked Lew's bid for the title. The division

was topped in those years by one of the ring's all-time greats, Benny Leonard.

At that, Tendler gave Leonard a nasty scare in the first of their two historic meetings. It was a 12-round no-decision affair at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City in 1922, and Leonard had a close call from disaster in the eighth. A vicious clout to Benny's body temporarily paralyzed the champion from the waist down. But boxing never has produced a faster thinker or keener strategist than Leonard. Benny couldn't move his legs, but his head was clear. "Keep your punches up," he snapped. Disconcerted, Tendler stopped fighting to argue. "That wasn't low," he insisted. Those few seconds enabled Leonard to recover the use of his legs, and he went on to win a close newspaper decision.

Tendler didn't do so well in the second match, a 15-rounder the following year in New York's brand-new Yankee Stadium. Having had ample opportunity in their first bout to study Lew's left-handed mechanics, Benny turned in a brilliant exhibition to win easily.

THE first southpaw to reach the lofty estate of world champion was Al McCoy, a tough, awkward mauler operating out of Brooklyn. McCoy wasn't much of a fighter, and during his reign he toted the unflattering label "Cheese Champion."

One punch—practically the only one thrown during the brief encounter—won the middleweight title for McCoy in what authorities called the most sensational accident in history since Columbus discovered America.

It was early in 1914 at the Broadway in Brooklyn. George Chip, who had wrested the title from Frank Klaus in Pittsburgh only a few months before, was showing in New York for the first time. McCoy figured to be a soft touch for him, but the bout had hardly started when Al pegged a wild left that whacked Chip on the chin and spilled him for the full count.

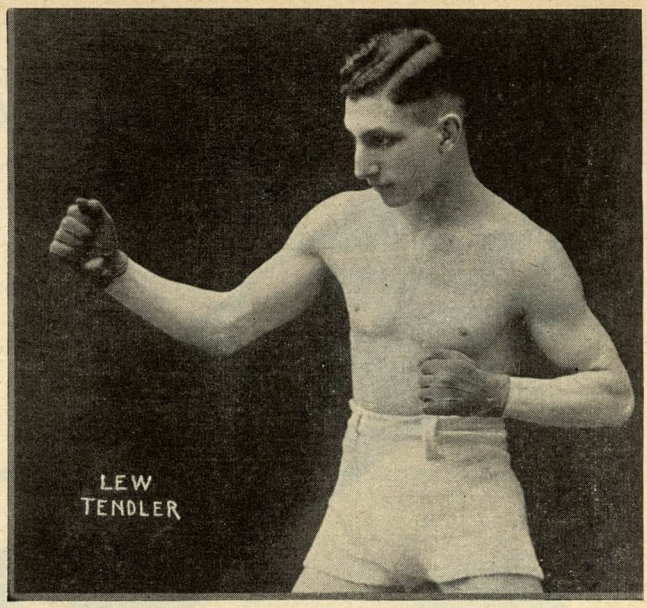
In a no-decision bout, prevalent in that era, the only way a title could swap owners was by a knockout. Chip got McCoy back in a couple of subsequent matches, and whaled the bejabbers out of him, but couldn't flatten the durable Brooklynite. Most of the other ranking middles also took turns belting McCoy around, but Al was tough, and he held on to the championship until late in 1917, when Mike O'Dowd came along and demolished him at the Clermont Rink in Brooklyn, in the last bout held under the old Frawley law in New York State.

THE middleweight division has been unusually prolific in producing southpaw champions. McCoy was the first of four. It was somewhat ironic that O'Dowd, who won the title from a left-hander, should have lost it to another. Mike was relieved of the laurels by Johnny Wilson in Boston in 1920.

Wilson, a transplanted New Yorker, living in the Hub, wasn't any great shakes as a fighter, but he managed to keep the title until Harry Greb pried him loose from it in New York's Polo Grounds in 1923. Having taken the championship from one southpaw, Greb emulated O'Dowd by losing it to another, Tiger Flowers relieving him of it in Madison Square Garden early in 1926.

Flowers was a good fighter, with speed his main forte. The Tiger, out of Georgia, was somewhat on the fragile side, and couldn't punch much, but he set a blistering pace and tossed gloves in wholesale lots. Flowers, however, wasn't destined to hold the title very long. He was champion only ten months when he lost his laurels on a hotly disputed decision to Mickey Walker in Chicago.

Lou Brouillard, of Worcester, Mass., the fourth southpaw to reach titular status in the middleweight division, was never universally recognized as champion. He was one of a score of claimants who came along during the decade from 1931 to 1941, when the title was in dispute. Before his entry into 160-pound competition, however, Brouillard had been welterweight champion for a few months during the 1931-32 season, winning the laurels from Young Jack Thompson in Boston, losing them to Jackie Fields in Chicago. Brouillard's claim to the middleweight title was acquired when he knocked out Ben Jeby in Madison Square Garden during the summer of 1933, but less than three months later he was outpointed by Vince Dundee in Boston.



Lew Tendler, Philadelphia lightweight, generally regarded as the finest southpaw ringman of all time. Tendler nearly wrecked the great Benny Leonard in their first meeting. Quick-thinking Leonard talked his way out of disaster.

THROUGH the years quite a few southpaws have been prominent in the American boxing scene. Probably the best known have been Danny Kramer and Harry Blitman of Philadelphia, Dick (Honeyboy) Finnegan and Al Mello of Boston, George Nichols of Buffalo, Young Corbett III of San Francisco, Freddie Miller of Cincinnati, Joe Knight of Waycross, Ga., Melio Bettina of Beacon, N. Y., Bert Lytell of Fresno, Cal., and, more recently, Irish Bob Murphy of San Diego and Chuck Davey of Lansing, Mich.

Several of them have held, and others have claimed, world titles. Legitimate champions were Corbett, welterweight champion for three months in 1933, and Bettina, ruler of the light-heavyweight roost for four months in 1939.

New York State stubbornly refused to recognize Miller's claim to the featherweight title, but the rest of the world did, and the roving Cincinnatian did a fine job of establishing his status during the three and a half years—from January, 1933, until May, 1936—that he billed himself as champion. Freddie not only whipped outstanding rivals in the United States, but in Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Europe and South Africa.

Nichols had a brief claim to the light-heavyweight title when it was in dispute in 1932.

JUST when southpaws began to make themselves conspicuous in other lands, we wouldn't know, but in 1943 Jackie Paterson of Scotland became the first left-hander to win the world flyweight title. He held it for five years.

Southpaws were not unknown in Australia before Carruthers came along, in 1952, to give the island continent its first world champion. The Land Down Under had produced several good portsiders, probably the best known of whom was lightweight Vic Patrick.

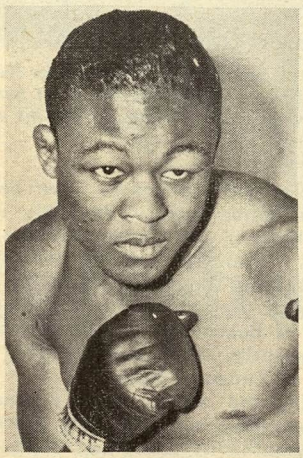
There has been one odd twist in this southpaw situation. Prominent though they've been in every other division, the left-handers have yet to make a serious bid for the richest prize of all—the heavyweight championship.

Good portsiders have been strangely non-existent among the big 'uns. Offhand, the only one we recall who threatened to accomplish anything important in heavyweight competition was Jack Gross, husky Philadelphian who campaigned during the late '20s and early '30s. Gross had been an outstanding all-around athlete in school, and much was expected of him when he started fighting. With shrewd Phil Glassman handling the managerial reins and Lew Tendler taking personal charge of his fistic education, Gross did do well for a while, holding Tommy Loughran to a couple of close decisions in Philadelphia and giving Ernie Schaaf a rough argument in Madison Square Garden, but he faded quickly from the scene after Primo Carnera flattened him in Chicago.

The RING RATINGS

Gavilan Rated Fighter of the Month

By NAT FLEISCHER



Kid Gavilan

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT — George Peyton, Houston, Texas
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT — Howard King, Reno, Nevada
MIDDLEWEIGHT — Terrance Murphy, London, England
WELTERWEIGHT — Johnny Gentile, Philadelphia, Pa.
LIGHTWEIGHT — Gilberto Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
FEATHERWEIGHT — Bobby Courchesne, Springfield, Mass.
BANTAMWEIGHT — Hilaire Pratesi, Paris, France
FLYWEIGHT — Lud Giordano, Dunellen, N. J.

NOT since 1937, when Mike Jacobs staged the Carnival of Champions tournament in which four championships were staged in one evening, has there been such activity among title holders as during the past month. Five world championship matches were decided, a record for such a period.

By retaining his world welterweight championship match by defeating Johnny Bratton of Chicago in the Chicago Stadium, Kid Gavilan of Cuba gained the "Fighter of the Month" honors. This was the Kid's third successful title defense this year and now is ready to challenge Bobo Olson for the middleweight crown which Olson won by taking the measure of Randy Turpin of England at Madison Square Garden.

Bratton is dropped as the Number One contender with Carmen Basilio replacing him.

In the lightweight division, Champion Jimmy Carter came through with his third knockout of the year in a title bout, when he halted Armand Savoie of Montreal in the fifth round.

The bantamweight division, found Jimmy Carruthers again a victor in a championship mill. He took the measure of Pappy Gault of Spartanburg, S. C. in Sydney, Australia by a fifteen round decision.

World's flyweight title holder Yoshio Shirai defended his crown by outpointing Terry Allen of England in their Tokyo match of fifteen rounds. This completes the five title bouts staged in a period of a month.

Despite inactivity among the heavyweight top notchers, the knockout of Heinz Neuhaus by Nino Valdes in their bout in Germany has brought about a big shift. Valdes is now rated second, with Ezzard Charles, third, Dan Bucceroni, fourth, Earl Walls, fifth, Don Cockell, sixth, and Heinz Neuhaus has been dropped to seventh place. Valdes in four months has leaped into prominence.

Harold Johnson continues as the Number One contender for Archie Moore's title in the light heavyweight division. His latest victory was over Henry Hall in ten rounds. Yolande Pompee, who will probably fight for the British Empire light heavyweight title, by his knockout of Ray Barnes of Detroit, has advanced to the place previously occupied by Danny Nardico. Pompee is third and Nardico, fourth.

Gerhard Hecht of Germany, who continues to win against good talent, has been advanced to fifth place, with Billy Smith and Jimmy Slade each dropped a peg. Larry Watson, who has remained inactive, has been eliminated. Floyd Patterson is now in eighth place, and Alex Buxton, champion of England, has been added to the rated ten in last place.

Olson, victor of Turpin, is now the middleweight king,

RING RATING FOR THE MONTH

(Ending November 18, 1953)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1—Roland La Starza, New York City
2—Nino Valdes, Cuba
3—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
4—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Earl Walls, Edmonton, Canada
6—Don Cockell, England
7—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
8—Tommy Harrison, Oakland, Calif.
9—Coley Wallace, New York City
10—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
3—Yolande Pompee, Trinidad, BWI.
4—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
5—Gerhard Hecht, Germany
6—Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.
7—Jimmy Slade, New York City
8—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
9—Jacques Hairabedian, France
10—Alex Buxton, England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Hawaii
1—Randy Turpin, England
2—Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.
3—Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.
6—Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.
7—Charley Humez, France
8—Paddy Young, New York City
9—Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.
10—Gustav Scholz, Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
1—Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.
2—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
3—Johnny Saxton, New York City
4—Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Billy Graham, New York City
6—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
7—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
9—Gilbert Lavoine, France
10—Chico Varona, Cuba

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
James Carter, New York City
1—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, O.
2—Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
3—Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
4—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
5—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
6—Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
7—Georgie Araujo, Providence, R. I.
8—Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada
9—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
10—Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N. Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, (U. S. Army)
1—Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
2—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
3—Baby Ortiz, Mexico
4—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Roy Ankarah, West Africa
6—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
7—Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8—Ray Famechon, France
9—Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Bill Bossio, Hartsdale, N. Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia
1—Robert Cohen, France
2—Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—John Kelly, Belfast, Ireland
4—Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.
5—Maurice Sandyron, France
6—Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
7—Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
8—Peter Keenan, Scotland
9—Orlando Castillo, Cuba
10—Raton Macias, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan
1—Jake Tuli, South Africa
2—Leo Esponosa, Philippines
3—Tanny Campo, Philippines
4—Terry Allen, England
5—Charley Bohbot, French Morocco
6—Louis Skena, France
7—Vic Herman, Scotland
8—Young Martin, Spain
9—Nazzarino Giannelli, Italy
10—Eric Marsden, England

with Turpin as the Number One contender and Rocky Castellani on his heels. Ernie Durando's knockout of Charley Humez, has gained for him a return among the elite. He is ranked sixth with Humez, dropped from third to seventh.

The return to activity of Paddy Young, has gained for him a place again among the top ten. He is rated eighth and Ralph Jones, inactive, has been dropped. Willie Troy's knockout of Randy Sandy, has moved him into ninth place and in 10th, Gustav Scholz, top ranking German, replaces Pierre Langlois, who was beaten by Garth Panter.

With Billy Graham's idleness in the welter class, Ramon Fuentes has moved up to fourth place.

Savoie's kayo at the hands of Carter, drops the Canadian to eighth place and the defeat of George Araujo by Teddy Davis, a featherweight, puts him down to seventh. Arthur Persley's victory over Henry Davis moves him into sixth place and Eddie Chavez is in fifth.

Teddy Davis advances over Willie Pep, who has been inactive, and Teddy now occupies the Number One post as challenger for Sandy Saddler's crown.

Ray Famechon's defeat of Sammy McCarthy, has regained for the French a post among the ranking ten. He supplants Davey Gallardo in eighth position.

Emile Chemama has been dropped from the bantams to make room for the Mexican champion, Raton Macias.

During the month Billy Peacock defended his North American crown by knocking out Johnny Ortega in the ninth round.

There are no changes in the flyweight division despite Allen's loss to Yoshio Shirai.

Here are the outstanding results of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Earl Walls kayoed Joe Kahut, 2. Karel Sys held to draw by light-heavyweight Gerhard Hecht, 10. Tommy Harrison outpointed Murry Bennett, 10.

Willie James whipped Willie Wilson, 12. James J. Parker kayoed Jimmy Cerello, 3, and beat Edgardo Romero, 10. Henry Hall lost to light heavyweight Harold Johnson, 10.

Willie Bean kayoed Dave Whitlock, 3. Robert Eugene scored surprising kayo over Werner Wiegand, 4. Willie Wilson defeated Matt Daniels, 8. Matt also lost to Charley Norkus, 8. Vern Escoe kayoed Baby Joe Walcott, 3. Cleveland Williams kayoed Lloyd Willis, 2.

Aldo Pellegrini halted Steve McCall, 5. Walter Hafer beat Charley Tilden, 6. Belgian Champion Piete Wilde edged out Hans Friedrich, 10. Embrell Davidson kayoed Johnny Holman, 2.

Jimmy Walls whipped Elijah Edwards, 6, and Ollie Wilson, 6. Jimmy Byrne whipped Doug Harper, 10. Frankie Buford kayoed Babe Edwards, 2. Claude Rolfe beat Jimmy Felton, 8.

Jack Hobbs flattened light-heavyweight Jose Gonzales, 8. Kirby Seals defeated Lonnie Malone, 6. Chuck Ross stopped Johnny Masonovich, 4, but lost to Pete Allessandrini, 6. Ken Hammer kayoed Bob Biehler, 2.

Alex Brown defeated Lou Thrasher, 6. George Peyton kayoed Joe Leonard, 1, and Alvin McCoy, 2. Noel Reid kayoed Bill Johnson, 2.

Nino Valdes kayoed European Champion Heinz Neuhaus, 4.

Claude Rolfe drew with Julio Mederos, 8. Bert Whitehurst kayoed Jimmy Vines, 4.

Alex Brown beat Jimmy Tendo, 6. George Powell beat Walter Hafer, 8.

Dick Brown upset lightheavyweight Alvin Williams, 10. Young Jack Johnson lost to lightheavyweight Frankie Daniels, 10.

Joe Sanchez kayoed Al Williams, 2. Kirby Seals beat Fred Taylor, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Harold Johnson outpointed Henry Hall, 10. Yolande Pompee kayoed Ray Barnes, 4.

Danny Nardico kayoed Jackie Bennett, 1. Floyd Patterson defeated Wes Bascom, 8.

Chubby Wright defeated Rocky Jones, 10. Alex Buxton won British Empire crown by stopping Dennis Powell, 10.

Sonny Andrews stopped Dick Finley, 4. German Champion Gerhard Hecht drew with heavyweight Karel Sys, 10. Victor D'Haes flattened Tony Gruber, 5.

Jimmy Welch drew with Stan Mylinski, 10. Willi Hoepner held to draw by middleweight Hans Stretz, 10. Jean Serres retained Luxembourg title by defeating Ray Schmit, 12.

Albert Finch stopped Billy Dean, 5, and drew with Arthur Howard, 8. Earl Keel kayoed Jimmy Curl, 5, but lost to Joe Moran, 10. Arthur Howard halted Bruce Crawford, 1.

Heinz Sachs stopped Johnny Barton, 5, but was held to draw by Winnfried Henne, 8. Joe Arthur drew with Irwin Schulz, 6. Gunter Balzer drew with Gunter Sladky, 8. Harley Breshaers kayoed Joey Aguilar, 6. Willi Besmanoff kayoed Karl Ameisbichler, 8.

Howard King beat James Cartwright, 6, and Zeke Robinson, 6. Billy LeBlanc drew with Johnny Burke, 8. European Champion Jacques Hairabedian kayoed Adis Dessouki, 5.

Joe Grimard beat Bob Bolton, 6, and Roger Wiley, 8. Antonio Mommez defeated Eleuterio San Leon, 10. Marcel Limage stopped Ramon Martinez, 6, and polished off Andre de Keersgieter, 1. Austin Jones beat Elmo Lincoln, 6.

Don Grant kayoed Henry Taylor, 3. Jean Corhay trimmed Henri Entringer, 10. Jimmy Ingraham beat Baby Joe Walcott, 6. Jose Gonzales kayoed by heavyweight Jack Hobbs, 8.

Joey Rowan beat Jim McMillan, 6. Bobby Moore whipped Gary Garafola, 6. Bob Young kayoed Al Smith, 2.

Joe Tuvell kayoed Buddy Graham, 2, and beat Don Smith, 6. Ted Alexsander, 6. Lou Campanelli kayoed Billy Taylor, 1. Steve Lang beat Freddie Miller, 6. Spider Webb beat Candy Anderson, 6.

Frankie Daniels outpointed Young Jack Johnson, 10. Joe Gannon kayoed Joe Bradley, 1. Paul Andrews beat Gordon Wallace, 6. Tommy Thompson kayoed Kid Crockett, 3. Alvin Williams lost to heavyweight Dick Brown, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Carl (Bobo) Olson won the world's middleweight title by outpointing Randy Turpin in 15 rounds. Joey Giambra kayoed Don Oates, 1.

Ernie Durando scored a big upset by kayoing Charley Humez, 6. Willie Troy stopped Randy Sandy, 7. Garth Panter whipped Pierre Langlois, 10.

Bobby Dykes kayoed Al (Kid) McCoy, 5. Joey Giardello defeated Walter Cartier, 10. Rocky Castellani outclassed Mickey Laurent, 10.

Paddy Young kayoed Sammy Giuliani, 2. Al Andrews defeated Chuck Davey, 10.

Johnny (John L.) Sullivan kayoed lightheavyweight Ron Crookes, 3, but lost to Jimmy King, 8. Jesse Turner kayoed Gus Rubicini, 4. Charlie Green kayoed Eddie Smith, 3. Smith beat Bob Reed, 6.

Moses Ward kayoed Lou King, 7. Danish Champion Martin Hansen whipped Gino Menozzi, 8, and drew with Germinal Ballarin. Claude Milazzo outfought Germinal Ballarin, 10, and drew with Gilbert Lavoine, 10.

Bobby Dawson stopped Gordon Hazell, 6. Graham Higham halted Carlo Marchini, 8. Tony Anthony defeated Eddie Dixon, 6, and stopped Tommy Smith, 5. Cesar Lawnizack stopped Michel Aubignat, 6.

Ben Evans beat Cisco Saenz, 10. Gary Simon beat Roger Whynott, 10. Bobby Hughes kayoed Bill Gordon, 2.

Al Mobley lost on disqualification to welterweight Werner Handke, 4. Willie Vaughun drew with Chebo Hernandez, 10. Joe Grimard beat Don Lambert, 8. Dick Cannady beat Andy DePaul, 8.

Widmer Milandri won vacant Italian title by defeating Alessandro D'Ottavio, 12. Emmett Norris decisioned Willie Johnson, 8. Nenzos Solomon beat Bob Provizzi, 6. Wes Echols kayoed Frankie Allota, 1. Joe Taylor stopped Jim Hall, 9.

German Champion Hans Stretz drew with light-heavyweight Willi Hoepner, 10. Roland LaMoyne beat Tony Percy, 6, but Percy gained revenge in 10. Andy Anderson stopped Don Keeling, 2. Eddie Simsi kayoed Bob Evans, 2, and Chuck Coleman, 2.

Leen Jansen disposed of Arthur L'Ami, 2, and Herbert Escher, 4. Jackie Wilson whipped Bob Bolton, 8, but lost to Joe Shaw, 8. Andre Tessier whipped Willie Gray, 6, Gray beat Dave Grant, 6.

Rainey Mays beat Russ Gilliam, 6. Peter Muller stowed away Camille Mil, 3. Harry Braelow stopped Bobby Lopez, 8.

Tommy Leedle defeated Jackie Fisher, 6, and stopped Henry Budniewski, 3. Vince Mazac beat Tino Longoria, 5, and John Mariana, 5. Longoria whipped Bobby Elliott, 10.

Blackie Noel kayoed Jimmy Drummond, 3.

Jorge Castro stopped Armando Cotero, 8. Ray Drake whipped Tommy D'Attilo, 6.

Billy MacLean stopped Kid Delaire, 3. Rinzi

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UNSUNG CHAMPIONS

Some good champs got little credit both during and after their careers.

By TED CARROLL

THE sun is setting for Ezzard Charles, and it was a sun whose rays chilled rather than warmed the people. Champions come and go, but none was as much a stranger to songs of praise or cheers of the crowd as was Ezz.

Perhaps in years to come, like Tunney, no hero in his day, Charles will gain public affection and esteem. In the ebb tide of a long career, it is the verdict of the record book that Ezzard Charles was one of the best boxers of modern times.

Charles was an unfortunate fellow whose flaws were always magnified, while his fistic virtues—and they were many—were obscured. The fact that he was nothing more than a light heavyweight when he established himself as the best of all the heavies around at the time, is no small feat in itself.

But through the years little has been said of that. He never picked on the easiest ones. He took apart giants like Joe Baksi and Joe Louis, each of whom outweighed him by more than 30 pounds.

Along the way to the heavyweight title, he became a threat in both the middleweight and light heavyweight divisions, as he ripped and slashed his way through these lighter classes in devastating fashion. Outside of Bob Fitzsimmons, Charles was the only heavyweight champion to become an outstanding star in three different classes.

He made two of the finest showings of his career as a middleweight back in 1942, when he came into Pittsburgh, the underdog, and startled the Smoky City smart alecks by drubbing Charley Burley, who nobody else wanted to fight. Then to show it was no accident, he came right back and repeated the dose with Burley.

Former light heavyweight kings, Joey Maxim and Archie Moore, have always been easy for him. Maxim tried it five times and was badly battered on every occasion. The same people who have raved over Moore all these years while belittling Charles, should be reminded that the Cincinnatian trounced Archie three times, the last time by a kayo.

Charles was called the "uncrowned champion of the light heavyweights" for a long time. Up to his invasion of the heavyweight class he was the best in the division and there was much merit to this claim.

He was probably as good as he ever was the night he lambasted Joe Louis in a one-sided affair, which most people believe he could have made even worse. Of course poor old Joe, in 1950, had little in common with the sleek destroyer of happier days, still, Charles, outweighed by 33 pounds, would have been a match for almost any fighter in history that night.

CHARLES understood the science of boxing as few others have, his blows while not paralyzing, were punishing. So much so, that many of his opponents had to take enforced layoffs for long periods after tangling with the Cobra from Cincinnati.

Charles' career points up the fact that unless a fighter makes an impression in New York, his popularity lags everywhere. Even in the Louis bout, a New York City production, he received huzzahs from among either the crowd or the press. Charles' fine performance was swallowed up in the chagrin and resentment caused by Louis' defeat. Regardless of what Charles did in his big town bouts, the spectre of his only loss in New York, a fromagenous fray with Elmer Ray, imposed itself upon the recollection of press and public. This was unfair since every champion has some sorry spots in his record.

Over the years, the most repetitious charge against Charles has been his caution—in other words, his desire to avoid punishment. There is little justice to this gripe either since the same grumblers are the first to ridicule the over-aggressive, calling them "catchers" and "amateurs."

Charles' fault finders had a field day when he failed to regain his title from Jersey Joe Walcott in Philly in 1952. "Too careful again" was the cry but the inconsistency here came when most of the critics declared that Charles had won the fight anyway, and should have gotten the decision. Since winning the fight was the main object, and according to them this objective had been attained, why quibble over the method of attaining it?

After all since Charles was in there with the fellow who had flattened him with a single punch, any superfluous recklessness could very well have led to a similar fate, Charles reasoned. This logic, while it did not make for an exciting fight, did bring about a result which many claimed should have been in Charles' favor.

Since extreme care was a Tunney trademark too, and the people took Gene in stride while he was champ because of this, Charles, like Tunney, will probably gain his proper niche as a really outstanding ringman as the years proceed.

THAT Charles ranks No. 1 among the unsung stars of the ring there is little argument, although he has some company. There have been titleholders of the past who while they may not make boxing's proposed "Hall of Fame," possessed ability far beyond the recognition accorded them.

Like Charles, they all had one thing in common—they never captured the heart of America's biggest city New York. One of them, Sammy Mandell, lightweight champion back in 1926, turned in one of the finest exhibitions of the art of self defense ever seen anywhere when he gave Jimmy McLarnin, no less, a lesson in boxing 25 years ago in New York City. Mandell, one of the handsomest boxers who ever stepped in the ring, won 14 of the 15 rounds from Jimmy, even then a darling of the metropolis.

A native of Rockford, Ill., and one of the two most celebrated pupils of the late Jack Blackburn—Joe Louis was the other—Mandell was no unknown to New York City fight fans. Locals didn't think that anybody could beat Sid Terris, who had succeeded Benny Leonard, as a big town boast, but Mandell came into town and showed them how it could be done. The pair first met way back in the old Garden in 1923 and this one was called a draw.

They tried it again in 1925, when Sid was even better, and this time the decision went to Mandell. That alone, should have given Mandell high ranking among lightweights past and present, because Sid was a very hard man to beat when he had it.

In 1928 Mandell, who had won the lightweight title from aging Rocky Kansas in 1926, was at his absolute peak, but despite the extreme quality of his boxing, New Yorkers refused to grow excited over him. A marvelously clever fellow he fought longer than he should have, and weight-weakened and aging, he left New York fight fans with an unfortunate remembrance of him, as a one round knockout victim of Al Singer.

Rarely mentioned among the best lightweights of all time, he is often paid tribute to by Tony Canzoneri, who lost a decision to him in a title bout in 1929. Canzoneri calls him "the smartest boxer I ever met". Tony should know because few fighters met more good men than he did.

NO list of the best middleweights ever includes far westerner Freddy Steele, but if the record book means anything, this one time middleweight title claimant rates with the best of them. The native of Tacoma, Wash., fought from 1932 to 1938 with only one loss to mar an otherwise uninterrupted string of successes.

In his heyday out on the Coast, Steele was invincible. Not only that, his opponents were of unusually high quality. Former champs, Ceferino Garcia, Gorilla Jones, Fred Apostoli, Babe Risko, Ken Overlin, Gus Lesnevich, all tried their luck with the wiz from the state of Washington. Lesnevich, Apostoli, Garcia, and Overlin were all knockout victims of Steele! He won two of three tangles with highly capable

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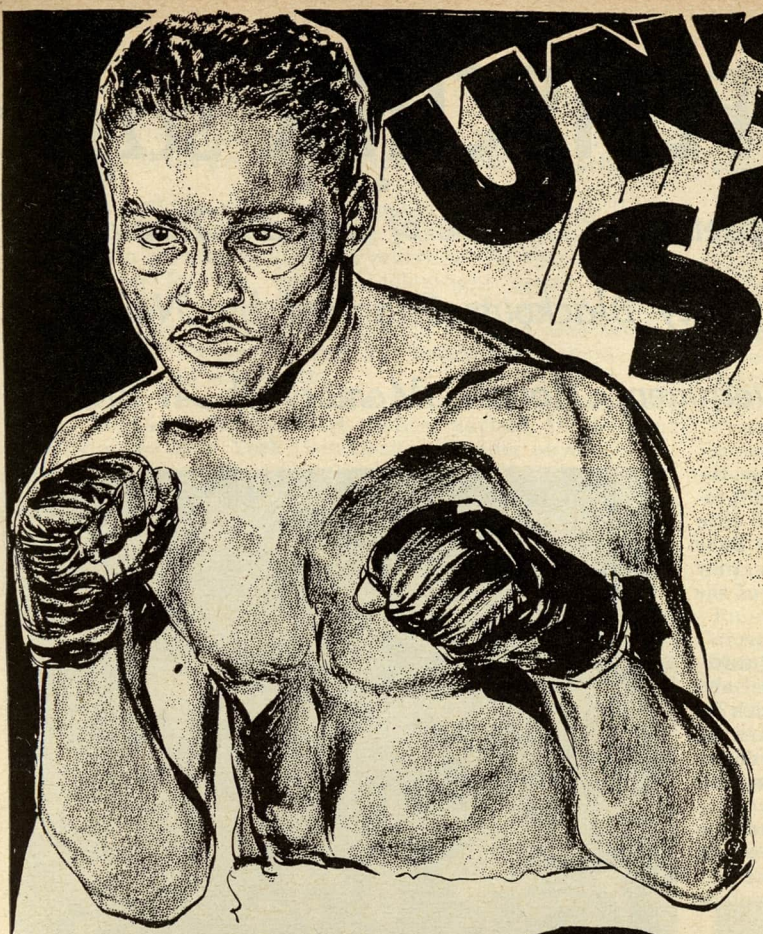
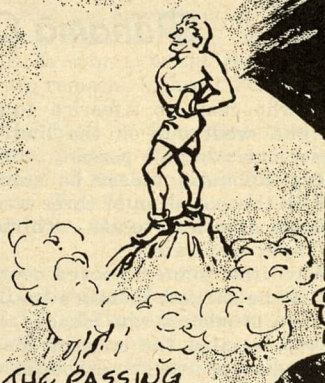
UNSUNG STARS

By TED CARROLL





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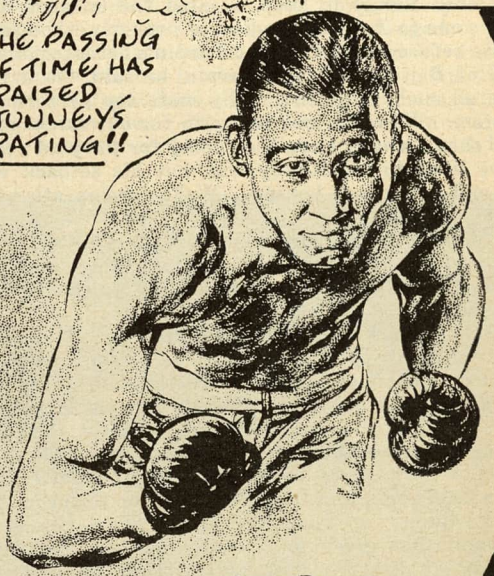

-EZZARD- CHARLES

..HIS RANKING AS A TRULY OUTSTANDING RINGMAN SHOULD GO UP AS THE YEARS GO BY!!

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

British upset Over Failure of Randy Turpin

More Big City Blackouts Planned by Norris

Panama Government Honors Memory of Al Brown

BRITISH experts who came to America to cover the Olson-Turpin fight, went out on the limb and predicted that their man couldn't possibly win the title vacated by Sugar Ray Robinson unless he stopped Bobo within six rounds. With the exception of three writers, they picked the Hawaiian-born American to win. Thirteen of the sixteen analyzed the fight accurately.

Even those who picked the winner grieved over Turpin's failure because they felt he carried Britain's boxing future.

Jack Solomons, London promoter, who pleaded, urged and implored Randy to keep in mind the mission for which he had come to America and train properly, thought otherwise.

He refused to admit that Turpin's defeat spelled the downfall of British boxing. Turpin, he said, "is a veteran, and like all such, he hasn't many more top performances in his system. We must look to youth for our talent of to-morrow and that's what I have been doing for the past year. I would have liked to see Randy win, but his setback will not put an end to British boxing. We'll develop others to replace him."

Solomons is following his American Colleague, Jim Norris, head of the International Boxing Club, who agrees with Jack that boxing must seek new talent to replace the veterans.

Harry Markson, managing director of the I.B.C., was asked, following the victory of Olson, what about the future of the middleweight division and he replied:

"I agree with Norris. What we need is new talent and it is our aim to drive for fresh foes for Olson. We must develop a brand new set of challengers. All the top rated middleweights were liquidated in the tournament that wound up with Turpin and Olson fighting for the crown.

"Perhaps the knockout of Charley Humez by Ernie Durando has given us a challenger, but first crack at the crown apparently will go to Kid Gavilan, the welter champion.

"Sid Flaherty is willing to have Olson face Gavilan in Bobo's first title defense. Should Olson be successful, Flaherty will be prepared to have his boy fight at least once every six months if the proper opponent is available. Money is Flaherty's chief interest and no one can blame him. Hence it is up to us to bring along fresh names."

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Certainly there is a growing need for new faces—the more the better for boxing. But the middleweight division, once the best in all boxing, is short of top talent. New faces must be developed. But by whom? With the best of the small clubs out of business, there isn't much of an inducement for new comers. They cannot get sufficient work to keep them busy. Hence the I.B.C. must depend on its stand-bys to find contenders.

There are Gil Turner who has grown too heavy for the welter division and has done very well as a middleweight; Randy Sandy, Willie Troy, Ernie Durando, Paddy Young who is now ready to box often; Ralph Jones, Joey Giambria, Joe Giardello, Rocky Castellani, Pierre Langlois, despite the recent decision against him in the bout with Garth Panter, and the Argentinian who is coming along well, Eduardo Lausse. But none of the above can fill the Garden, for example, as did Turpin against Olson. Only Gavilan can do that. Should Olson tackle Gavilan and win, then if he wants to keep busy either with championship matches or overweight affairs, he'll have to be satisfied with opponents with lesser drawing power than Turpin or the Cuban.

Joey Giardello, Philadelphia middleweight, who moved a step nearer a shot at the title by his unanimous ten round decision over Walter Cartier of New York City at the Eastern Parkway Arena, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Incidentally, the sellout of Madison Square Garden for the Olson-Turpin fight gave Norris food for thought. The television blackout within a radius of seventy-five miles of New York definately was responsible for the huge turnout.

Despite the contention of the I.B.C. that the fight itself, an international affair, was the big sellout factor, the organization has repeatedly had the arena half empty on nights when Garden shows of national and international prominence were held with a complete national TV hook-up.

All of which proves the points that have repeatedly been brought out in The Ring—give the fans top shows with a TV and Radio local blackout, and they'll come to see the fights as in past years.

Because so vast a percentage of the nation's television sets are in the New York area, the TV sponsors are reluctant to black out the big city, for which they cannot be blamed. They have their product to sell and they pay heavily for the privilege of having that product brought into the homes. Jim Norris has indicated that there will be more and more TV blackouts in other cities where the sponsors cannot be hurt to the extent to which they suffer when New York is affected, but fights in New York, except on rare occasions, will be telecast.

Norris reached the conclusion when he received word from his ticket office that the gate reached $167,641, in the middleweight title scrap. He immediately decided to continue the blackout policy for the Gavilan-Bratton fight in Chicago and said that it likewise would be the case when Olson defends his title for the first time in the Cow Palace of San Francisco early next year.

"We have learned," said Norris, "that the trick is to blackout the big cities where major fights are staged, but we have no intention of interfering with television where fights of lesser importance are concerned.

Norris hopes to have Rocky Marciano defend his title again Next February. Dan Bucceroni of Philadelphia has been suggested as his opponent. With the influx of Northern vacationists in Florida during the winter, the I.B.C.

chief thinks that he can revive interest in Florida by staging such a contest in Miami where he can have a national TV hook-up and a local blackout.

That contest should draw at least 30,000. Plus the sponsor's fee, the gross would reach the $300,000 mark.

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It was nothing more than a publicity stunt that Sugar Ray Robinson pulled when he announced that he had received an offer of $350,000 to return to the ring and fight Bobo Olson for the world middleweight crown. Ray's theatrical venture hasn't been going so well and the headlines featuring his allegedly possible comback was needed advertisement for his dancing show especially since he was about to open in a new city.

Ray will never again make a professional ring appearance. He has so informed his medical advisor, Dr. Vincent Nardielo, the New York Commissions leading physician.

Ray has been idle a year and a half. Though he is in good physical condition due to his theatrical activity, he is ring stale. Before he could make a stab at regaining the crown he abdicated, it would be necessary for him according to the New York Commission, to engage in two or three

Nat Fleischer, Ring Editor, being presented with an official invitation to visit Argentina for the Latin World Boxing Championships. (Left to right) Amadaor A. Marin, representing the Boxing Association of the Argentine, Lius Elias Sojit, Director General of the Argentina Press A.P.A. and Nat Fleischer. The Ring Editor made the trip via the Argentine Airlines.

tune up fights against recognized talent.

Harry Markson, Managing Director of the I.B.C. denied that any recent offer had been made to Robinson and as for $350,000, that would be foolish.

"Do you know any fighter who can draw more than a million dollars with Robinson? That's what we would have to gross to enable the I.B.C. to give Ray that kind of a purse. It's publicity, but pay no attention to it," said Markson.

Anyone who knows Sugar Ray, must be aware of the fact that he always did his own business. Hence his remark that the final decision will be made by his manager, George Gainford, should help to close the book on the rumor.

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The past six weeks have been most active for world champions. I cannot recall a period when five title holders defended the crown in as many weeks.

It is a good omen. That combined with the reopening of about twenty of the smaller clubs in America since the Fall season got under way, indicates better times ahead for boxing. We hope these minor organizations will not be forced to shut their doors again. We need them badly to develop talent. They are the Nurseries of pugilism—the clubs from which major organizations like the International Boxing Club and the Eastern Parkway Club must draw their talent.

We are beginning to see the light again in boxing. If matchmakers and promoters will help their own cause by giving a fair break to deserving boys, 1954 should find boxing back to where it belongs.

Since September World champions Marciano, Shirai, Carter, Gavilan and Carruthers have put their title on the line, in addition to the championship bout we have had between Turpin and Olson to obtain Ray Robinson's successor.

When champions are active, competition in all classes among the smaller fry increases. Thus the reopening of clubs that had been closed for a long time.

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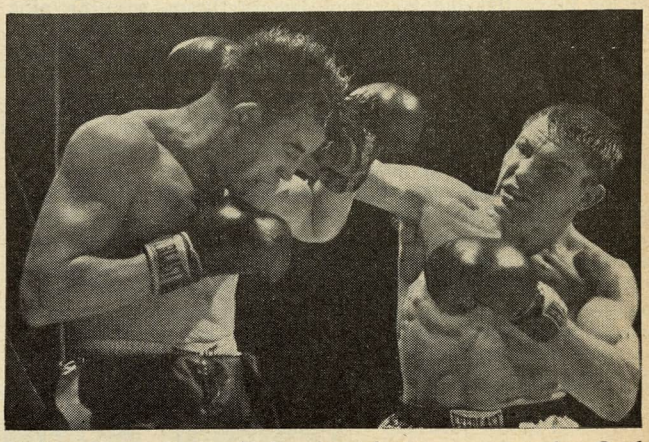
Panamians don't forget. When Panama Al Brown, former world bantamweight champion, died in a New York Hospital after a lingering illness, the National Sports Alliance saw to it that he was buried in consecrated Catholic ground. But the sportsmen of his native Panama, though grateful for what had been done for their hero, the only Panamian to win a world crown, immediately took steps to have his remains brought home to rest in their national cemetery.

With the help of Juan Copeland, RING correspondent, the Panama Boxing Commission of which the Governor of the Province of Panama, Don Alberto Aleman, is president, and Mayor Don Miguel Angel Ordonez, a committee was organized that raised funds to have the body shipped to Panama.

Arrangements were completed by the Municipalities, the National Government and civic and sporting organizations for funds to defray the expenses and with THE RING Editor acting as contact man in New York, transportation of Al Brown's remains to Colon has been arranged.

Brown will receive the burial of a National hero and a monument will be erected in the public square in his honor.

A salute to the Panamians. In my fifty years association with sports, I can recall only one other case in which a nation has honored a boxer. Cuba did it with Kid



Madison Square Garden, N. Y., played host to an upset when Garth Panter, Salt Lake City middleweight, won a ten round decision over Pierre Langlois, of France.

Chocolate when it not only furnished him with a home after his retirement as world champion but gave him a life job as director of training its youth in the art of boxing.

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Henry Armstrong, the only boxer to hold three world championships at one time—the feather, lightweight and welterweight—has organized a "Henry Armstrong Youth Foundation" in California. Armstrong, who two years ago was ordained a minister, is one of the nation's strongest advocates of recreation to combat juvenile delinquency.

With the aid of contributions from his many friends, he has set up an organization that is doing splendid work but on a small scale until he can obtain more help.

His fondest dream is to build the Youth Foundation for homeless and helpless boys, regardless of race, color or creed, and to give the lads a chance for a new start in life. He has obtained an option on land in the Soledad Canyon in Ravenna, California, to build the foundation.

In a message to THE RING, Armstrong writes: "I know of the wonderful deeds boxing fans around the country have done in the past and still are doing. I would like to enlist their aid to enable me to build the Youth Foundation.

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TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

THE search eternally goes on for the "new Jack Dempsey." Now it is on in more earnest as the life of the Manassa Mauler will be filmed in Hollywood.

Strong in the running to portray the part of the former world heavyweight champion is a young television actor, Billy Doerner, who bears a striking resemblance to the youthful tiger who came out of the mining camps of Colorado some forty years ago to write a glorious chapter into the history of sports. Doerner may be the ideal choice for the producers of the film as he is a former fighter.

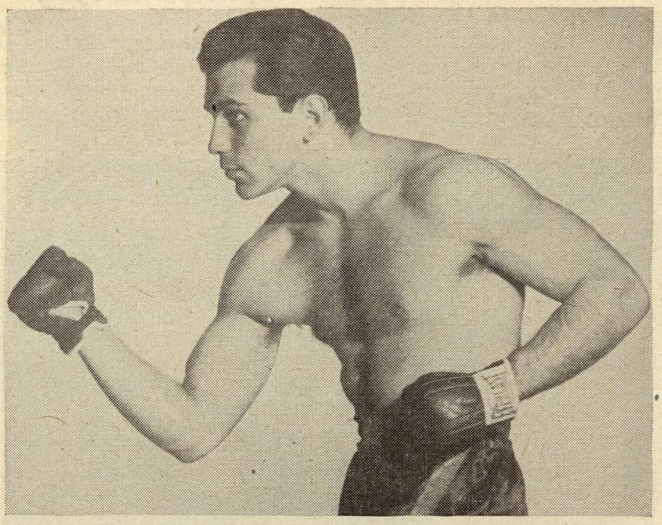
Born on the East Side of Manhattan, in New York, Doerner won the Golden Gloves sub-novice middleweight title in 1944. He used the name of Dominic Modoffein—an older friend—as he was under-age and ineligible. The following year he lost a close decision to Roland LaStarza in the open class of the light heavyweight division. Billy had 24 amateur bouts, losing only two of them.

Late in 1945, he turned pro under the co-management of his uncle, Harold Ray, and Jimmy Dixon, winning nine out of nine before going into the Marines. Doerner was stationed at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D. C., and while in service had two bouts, both of which he won.

Discharged from the Corps in 1948, Billy engaged in five more bouts, being stopped in one, before becoming a member of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington. He resigned after seven months.

While a life guard at the Park Sheraton Hotel swimming pool, in New York, Doerner met Vince Barbi, the casting and technical director for a film series for TV, "Against the Ropes." Barbi got him a boxing part which so impressed the producer of the series that they picked him for the lead in their future films. It was the beginning of his acting career which has seen him make rapid strides and appear on such television shows as the Kraft Theatre, Suspense, the Jackie Gleason Show, Martha Raye's All Star Revue, Robert Montgomery Presents and You Are There. He has also been seen in the pictures "A Name to Herself" and "Public Enemy No. 1."

Currently on tap for Doerner is a European tour with Barbi where they are scheduled to make several full length films and a series for television. While there, 24-year-old Billy, who keeps in shape, intends to make a return to the ring and engage in bouts with European heavyweights.



Billy Doerner, the former light heavyweight who is making a name for himself as a TV actor, may portray the Manassa Mauler in the film based on Jack Dempsey's life.

WHILE the success of the gate was assured with the blacking out of the New York area for the Bobo Olson-Randy Turpin fight though the remainder of the country viewed it on television (CBS-TV) the promoters are on the horns of an antenna as to what to do for future shows.

Pleased with the excellent turnout that skyrocketed the gross to $167,651, a figure that was less than $6,000 short of the record at Madison Square Garden for fights below the heavyweight class, the I.B.C. nevertheless had the headache of a none-too-happy sponsor who lost a potential of 8,000,000 customers with the black out of a 75-mile radius of New York imposed. The sponsor paid $60,000 for the show, whereas the figure probably would have been between $100,000 and $150,000—had the big city been in on the telecast.

This could mean an exodus of title matches from New York to areas less congested with TV sets, a solution not entirely satisfactory but one that would protect the TV dollar.

The Olson-Turpin fight was the fifteenth world championship fight presented on TV by the sponsors, Pabst. It also marked the first time that Turpin was seen by a home television audience. His second bout with Ray Robinson, in 1951, was videod but only into theatres. Another first, was the initial middleweight championship bout ever televised from Madison Square Garden. Seventy-eight stations, constituting the largest live network on television, carried the international contest.

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The world's most powerful ultra high frequency television station, KCOK-TV, is presenting "live" boxing bouts from its modern studios at Tulare, Calif., featuring young boys in several age and weight brackets.

The program is the brainchild of Bob Lee of KCOK-TV, himself a former boxer. Lee, who has voiced blow-by-blow accounts of various boxing matches and other sports on KCOK's commercial radio station, will also do the accounts of the bouts on TV.

A regular boxing ring has been installed at the KCOK-TV studios and all bouts are sanctioned by the State of California, complete with recognized referees, timers and judges. The plan has the enthusiastic support of the various central valley schools, youth movements and juvenile officers.

While new to television, Lee is no stranger to thousands of San Joaquin Valley sports fans. He came to California from Chicago in 1947. Lee began his rise in sports announcing while with the Army in the South Pacific, returned to Chicago for a short stint in radio and then migrated to Tulare and KCOK where he has been a regular all-around sportscaster-news announcer and program director.

In addition to voicing all television sports and special events for KCOK-TV, Lee also presents a nightly television sports commentary.

The amateur kid-boxing program is seen each Saturday night at 7 PM (PST) and for the first month featured

youngsters between the ages of eight and twelve. They box three one-minute rounds, with the winners in each weight class receiving a set of golden boxing gloves. From there the program switched to older boys in the regular amateur class and KCOK-TV is now trying to get the California State Boxing Commission to grant approval for future amateur and professional shows.

The kid-boxing show is also carried over KAFY-TV at Bakersfield, Calif.

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The first live television professional fight to be videod out of New Orleans will occur January 2, the night following the Sugar Bowl football game. Thus, one of the last strongholds of boxing will fall to the lure of the television dollar, though the entire New Orleans area will be blacked out.

The American Broadcasting Company (ABC-TV) completed all negotiations for the deal and Boxing Director Dewey Fragetta and Ray Arcel, matchmaker for the Saturday Night Fights, will handle the local show for ABC-TV.

Gaining momentum in its race for new cities on their network of fights, the program also had the first coast-to-coast telecast of a boxing show from Albany, N. Y., on November 14, with Pat Manzi and Gerald Dreyer fighting it out.

Bob Lee, an ex-fighter now doing the running commentary on amateur fights seen over KCOK-TV, Tulare, Calif.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . . . The Gillette Cavalcade of Sports, which rarely operates out of New York for a Friday night fight, sponsored the welterweight title bout between Kid Gavilan and Johnny Bratton over the NBC-TV network, laying out $40,000 for the show.

Japan became the third country to televise a world championship fight when Yoshio Shirai defended his title against Terry Allen on October 27. It was the greatest television spectacle in Japan's history, with crowds jamming the streets and blocking traffic in front of sets stationed in Tokyo store windows. The fighters shared in radio and television receipts, which came to $15,000.

Mike Dundee, a former featherweight boxer who is said to have had 300 bouts during his career which started in 1914, has accused two film companies of using his name without permission and is suing them $60,000 for invasion of privacy. Since 1929 he has been a fight manager and trainer.

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One of the best fights of the season, Rocky Casillo's ten round knockout of Danny Giovanelli at the Eastern Parkway Arena was not seen the night of the bout, November 3, by New York television fans due to political programs. However, it was such a thriller that the DuMont network ran the kinescoped version over their New York outlet (WABD) on November 14.

Cleve Herman, sportscaster for KNBH-TV (Hollywood, Calif.) has been named sports director of that station.

The great Elia Kazan is directing a Sam Spegal Production, "Waterfront," which is being filmed in New York and New Jersey. The cast will include many top name former fighters including Tami Mauriello, Lee Oma, Jim Braddock, and television's Public Enemy No. 1, Vince Barbi. Frank Sinatra, who admirably proved his acting ability in "From Here to Eternity" has the lead in this film.

The picture will have many boxing scenes in it and with Kazan, who is a great fight fan and occasionally puts the gloves on, directing it will not be lacking in force and authenticity. Guy Tomajhon is the dialogue director.

THE RING MAGAZINE'S Annual on TV Fights for 1954, which will be ready in a few weeks, looks like the biggest fifty cents bargain on the television market today. there's no phase of boxing and wrestling on TV that is not fully and authoritatively covered in this cram-packed 96-page book. Order yours through The Ring Book Shop to make certain you don't miss a "must."

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN: Jack Dempsey fought Jack Sharkey at Yankee Stadium, on July 21, 1927 and it became the only non-title bout in history to draw over a million dollars at the gate—exactly, $1,083,50?

Officials of Radio Stations WEAF and WJZ, who handled the radio transmission of the fight over fifty-one stations throughout the country, estimated that 40,000,000 radio and sports fans received the blow-by-blow story from the microphone at ringside. Other statisticians made varying estimates, none lower than 25,000,000. Remember listening to it?

WEEKLY U.S. TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
MONDAY			
EASTERN PARKWAY ARENA	BROOKLYN, N. Y.	DUMONT NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
SOUTH GATE ARENA	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KHJ-TV	MARK SCOTT
TUESDAY			
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PABST BLUE RIBBON SHOWS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	CBS-TV NETWORK	RUSS HODGES and JACK DREES
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MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT, MICH.	WXYZ-TV	FRED WOLF
MEADOWBROOK BOWL OR LAUREL GARDEN	NEWARK, N. J.	WATV	FRED SAYLES
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GILLETTE CAVALCADE OF SPORTS FROM MADISON SQUARE GARDEN OR ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK, N. Y.	*NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
SATURDAY			
THE SATURDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK GREGSON
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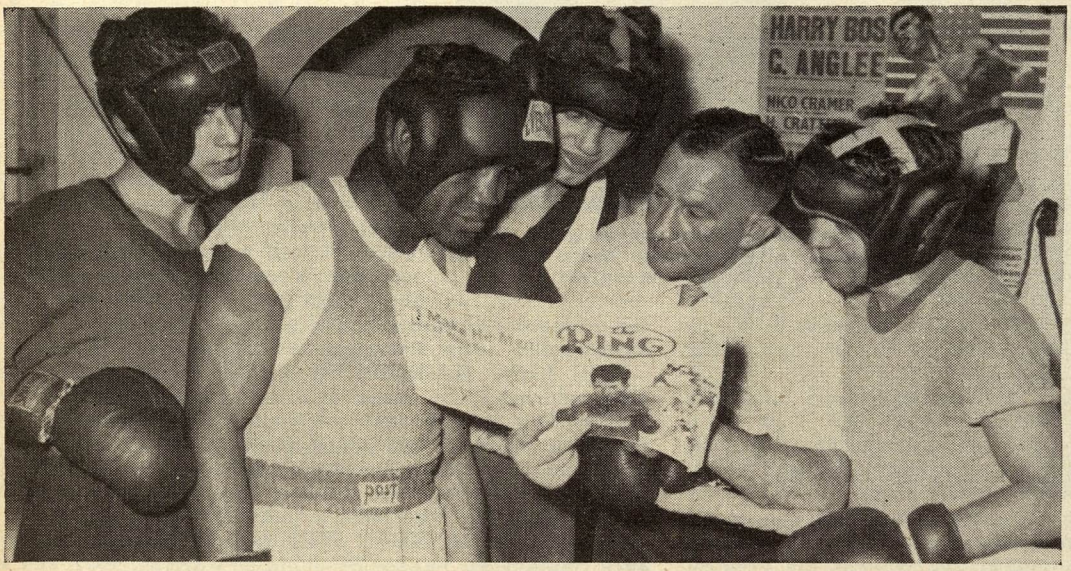
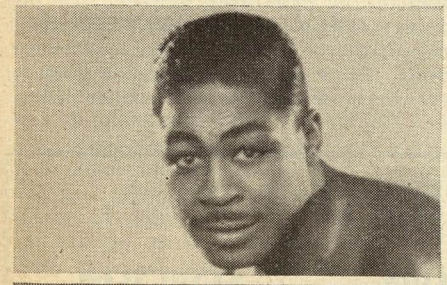
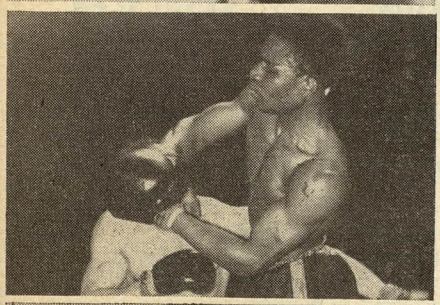
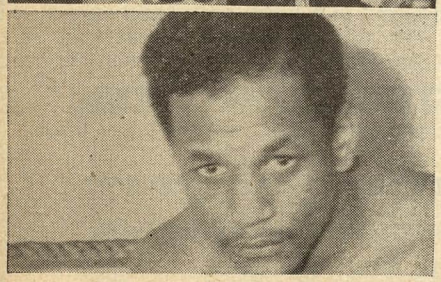


Boxers the world over turn first to THE RING for their boxing news. Left to right are Tonny Van Eijk, Dutch featherweight, Charley Anglee, American light heavyweight contender, who is helping to teach boxing to Dutch youngsters, Jan Hagenaar, popular Dutch middleweight, Boxing Instructor, P. ter Maulen, and Henk Klok, fast rising Dutch lightweight.

By LEW ESKIN







DURING the past few years there have been a number of European boxers invading America to show their talents. Pierre Langlois, Tony Say, Ray Famechon, Robert Villeman, Laurent Dauthuille, Mickey Laurent, and Marcel Assire of France, Paolo Melis, Italo Scortichini, Valdo Fusaro, Nicola Funari of Italy, Johnny Sullivan and Johnny Butterworth of England and Hein Ten Hoff of Germany, have been the most publicized.

Less heralded has been the trek of American boxers to Europe. Those who have become favorites with the continental boxing fans and made new homes for themselves are Charley Anglee, Baby Day, Jimmy King, Don Ellis, and Bobby Dawson. Ellis and Anglee have done most of their fighting in Holland and Germany, while Day, King and Dawson have boxed all over Europe.

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Jimmy King, a 28 year old Buffalo, N. Y. middleweight, has been boxing in Europe since the spring of 1951. In 18 bouts he has lost only once, defeating top welters and middleweights, among whom are Leo Starosch, Eli Elandon, Arthur Acha, Lugi Valentini, Claude Milazzo, Gilbert Stock and Johnny Sullivan.

A fine boxer and stiff puncher, Jimmy had an impressive record in American rings before departing for overseas. He served three years with the army in Germany and made many friends, who urged him to return to Europe, after his hitch was over. When things settled down following the war and boxing was resumed on a large scale Jimmy invaded Europe. Jimmy launched his pro career soon after his release from service in 1946 and has fought 51 bouts being stopped but once.

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Don Ellis, a rough tough club fighting middleweight from Atlantic City, N. J., has made a big hit with his action style. Don, a 26 year old lad, went to Germany with King in 1951 and has been a busy boy winning 12 and boxing

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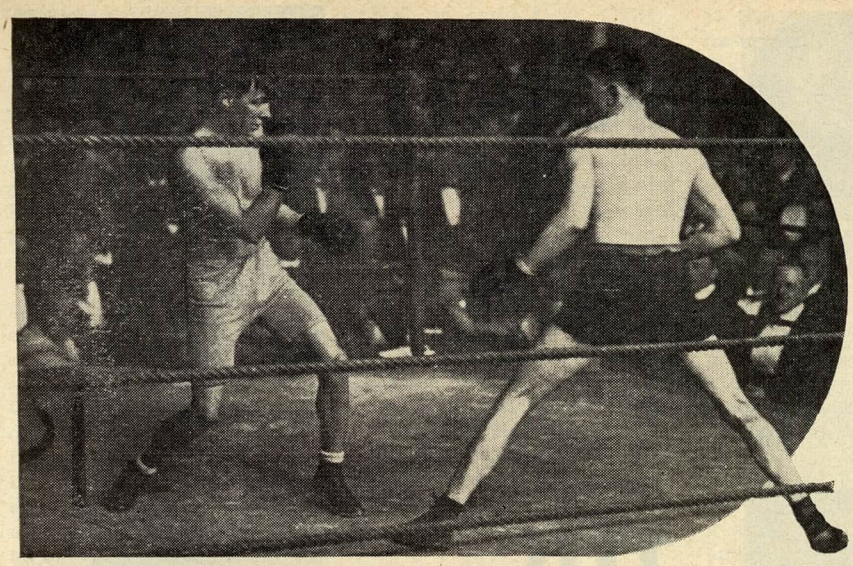
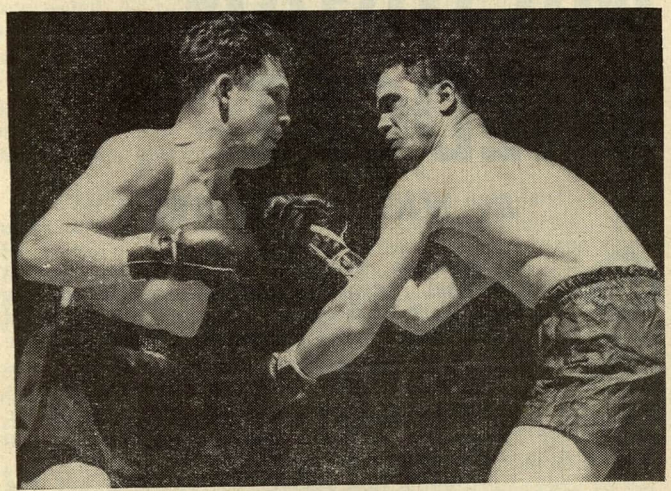
Upper left, Jimmy King, highly rated middleweight, who has faced Europe's best. Bobby Dawson, New York's middleweight, is shown as he stopped British Empire light heavyweight king, Alex Buxton (center). Don Ellis, tough Atlantic City, N. J. light heavyweight, a big favorite in Germany (bottom).

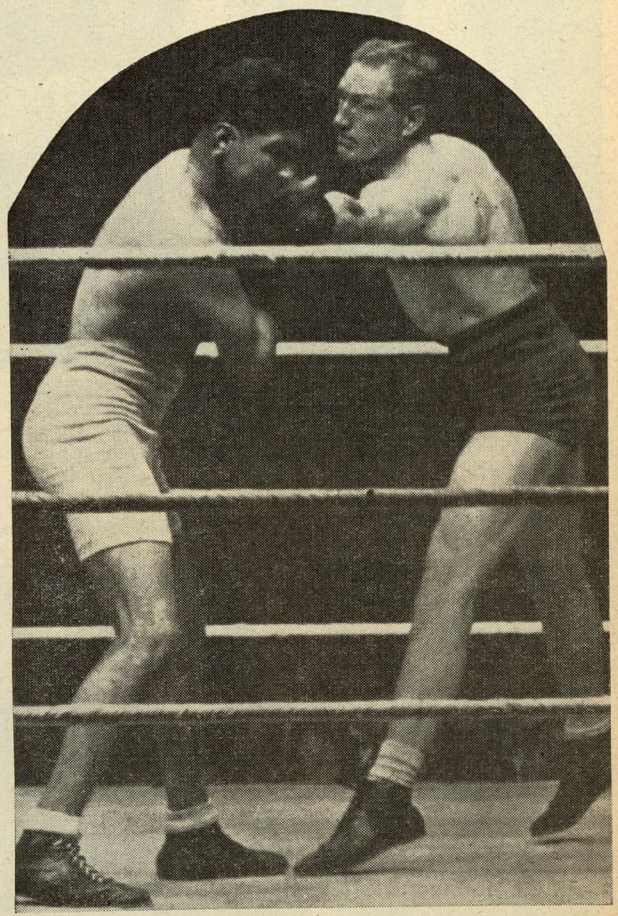
FAMOUS FIGHTS RECALLED



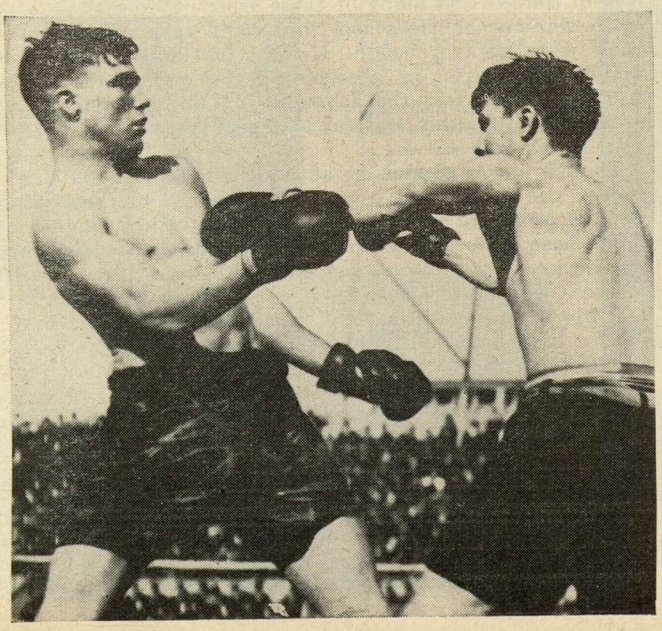
Britain's Mighty Atom, world flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde (left) spotted height, reach and weight to one of America's top bantams, Joe Lynch, and won decision in fifteen rounds at London's National Sporting Club on March 31, 1919.



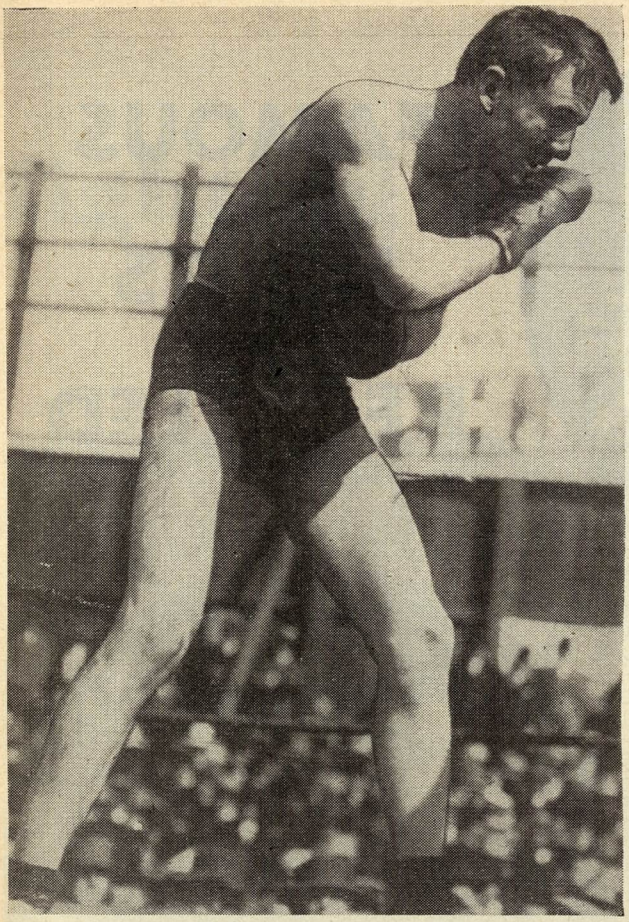
The Kid's Last Fight was Freddie (Red) Cochrane's meeting with Marty Servo for world welterweight title in Madison Square Garden on February 1, 1946. Cochrane (left) was knocked out in fourth round and announced his retirement.



With all his skill and experience, Bombardier Billy Wells (right), one of the most popular heavyweights in British history, learned he could not buck youth when he met Jack Bloomfield at London's Albert Hall on October 12, 1922. Wells, then 33, and veteran of more than a dozen years in the ring, was knocked out by his younger rival in the sixth round.



One of the cleverest boxers the light-heavyweight division has known, Tommy Loughran found Billy (Young) Stribling a troublesome opponent. Loughran lost two of three meetings with Stribling. Here Tommy is seen (right) in one of his defeats, Stribling outpointing him in ten rounds in San Francisco on March 28, 1925.



Ad Wolgast, as he looked while holding the lightweight championship of the world. Never a classy boxer he was willing to take a punch to give one and used his hitting prowess to gain the crown.

The story of Ad Wolgast, former world lightweight champion, whose illness in a California Sanatorium has aroused national interest. (1st of three parts)

Latest photo of Wolgast

THE MICHIGAN WILDCAT

By NAT FLEISCHER

OUT in California, there sits a pathetic figure in a State mental institution awaiting the call to his Heavenly Father. Helpless, extremely ill, his mind all shattered, Ad Wolgast, the lightweight who made the headlines during the period between 1906 and 1916, the days when the world's greatest lightweights were performing, has again hit the sports pages but this time not as a fighter extraordinary, but as a nationally famous personality whose days on this earth are numbered.

The man who made ring history by knocking out the great Battling Nelson in forty rounds of vicious, battering-ram fighting at Port Richmond, California on Washington's birthday, 1910, is close to the end after spending many years confined in a State Hospital for the Insane. His condition was brought about by the pounding his head received in the Nelson contest and many of those which followed.

He was one of the school that could take it and never knew when he had enough. He was the fighting type who would come tearing-in, absorbing severe punishment while trying to get across the haymaker on his opponent. The price he paid for this, was far too great for what it brought him.

Though now a pauper, he at one time was well off financially. He owned real estate and a ranch, but like other fighters of his era on whom Dame Fortune smiled, fame went to his head, adversity set in and when the inevitable arrived and he was forced into retirement, neither his previous ring prowess nor his former wealth were of any help. He had lost his fortune and his mind and the wreck of what was once a human dynamo, was taken in charge by his friend Jack Doyle who placed him in a private sanatorium from which only occasionally he emerged.

But his freedom was short. He became unruly; funds were exhausted and he had to be placed in a state institution for the insane. It was pathetic ending for a champion whose name has been identified with the romantic past in fistic stories that always furnished a thrill for boxing enthusiasts.

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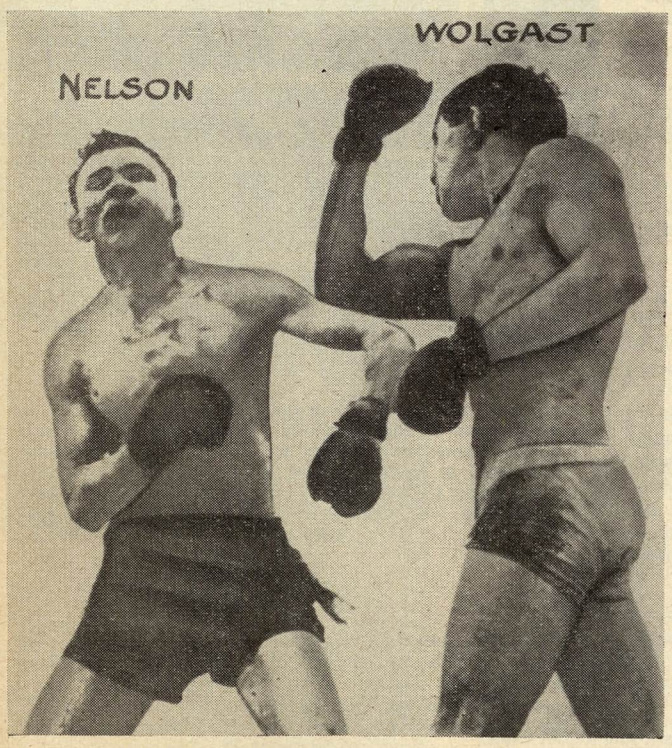
Ad started his professional career in 1910, won the world lightweight title from Battling Nelson on February 22, 1910,



Here we see Wolgast using his power to good advantage. The bout took place February 22, 1910 at Pt. Richmond with Wolgast winning the lightweight title from Battling Nelson in a 40 rd. KO.

lost it to Willie Ritchie on a foul at Daly City, Calif., November 28, 1912 in sixteen rounds, and retired in 1916. He attempted a comeback four years later when he fought a four round draw with Lee Morrissey, but never fought thereafter. It was shortly after that bout that he became ill and had to be sent away.

Wolgast rode into the prize ring by beating his way on a freight train from Cadillac, Michigan, his home, to Petoskey and less than four years later, he was crowned king of the 133 pound class. During that time, he had only one decision against him.

He started as a featherweight but had advanced into the next higher division within the year. When he won the crown, he had a record of seventy-one pro contests with only one defeat.

He was born February 8, 1888. When a kid he moved from Cadillac to Milwaukee where at the age of sixteen he became one of the city's leading amateur boxers. He won most of his fights by knockouts and so destructive a puncher was he, that he was nicknamed the Michigan Wildcat, a name that stuck with him to the end. So rapid had been the strides of the Milwaukee battler that he was induced to turn pro at the age of eighteen.

Many years ago, when the Michigan Wildcat had visited New York to fight in a no-decision contest the year after Ad had won the world title, I interviewed the champ for the New York Press for which I was a sports writer. Bemoaning his poor showing against Brown who almost knocked him out that night and who would have won the title had he succeeded, Ad told me that though he loved fighting, and the harder the bout the more he enjoyed it, it hadn't been that way always.

"I never thought I'd be a fighter. I had occasionally engaged in a street battle like all other boys, but I never dreamed I would become a pro." Then he proceeded to tell me how he got his start.

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His father was a cigar maker and when only fourteen, Ad worked with his father who was teaching him the trade. He joined a club and fought for that club as a simon pure. He had scored a two round knockout and was on his way home when news drifted into Cadillac that there would be a pro fight in Petoskey the following week.

Ad made up his mind to see that fight, and decided to go to Petoskey. He didn't have the money but knew how he could get there by hitching a freight ride. The freight slowed down when the train reached Cadillac and then had to stop at Petoskey or go into Lake Michigan. He hopped one of these freights and landed in Petoskey the afternoon of the fight but then found out that while it was easy to get to the city, it wasn't so easy to get into the club without having the coin. So he stood in front of the entrance hoping that someone would invite him to the show but he wasn't that lucky.

However, there was a break on the card and the promoter came out looking for someone. Ad approached him and asked if he could see the show. He told the promoter that he was a good amateur fighter and some day might appear on his cards.

Well that was all he needed. The promoter not only shoved Ad through the entrance but quickly took him to the dressing room and told him he had a fight right then. Wolgast was informed that he would be the opponent for Kid Moore whose opponent was ill and if Ad would agree to fight Moore who he was told was an ordinary fighter, though 27 pounds heavier, he would give Wolgast two dollars and if he made good, the promoter would see that he got other work at the club in the future.

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Thus Ad Wolgast became a professional. The bout went the limit of six rounds with Wolgast the winner. He made a hit by the manner in which he carried the fight to his opponent and that victory, said Wolgast, started him on a new career.

When he got home, he told his dad what he had done and informed him that he was through working as an apprentice cigar maker at one dollar a day. Henceforth he would make his living as a fighter. His father had no objections and with the backing of local Cadillac fans, Wolgast started a climb that brought him to the top in a little short of four years after that Petoskey experience.

The boxing game was alive in Grand Rapids and it was in that city that Wolgast did almost all of his early fighting. He didn't possess any science but he was a hard nut to crack. He was a vicious, two-fisted, boring in battler who was relentless on the attack and made a hit from the start.

It was that style of fighting that enabled him to put Young Nelson away but it also gave him a swell head. So highly was he praised that he knocked off keeping in condition. He figured he could whip anyone his size or weight and thus he was rematched with Nelson a fortnight later. On the night of the fight the promoter got jittery when Wolgast failed to appear. Someone tipped the promoter off that he could find Wolgast outside the club house on the stoop of a house opposite. There he was, smoking a big black cigar and calmly whittling a stick into a boy's dagger.

He was hustled over to the club, donned ring togs and when the four rounder was over, Wolgast had received a good shellacking and Nelson's hand was raised in victory.

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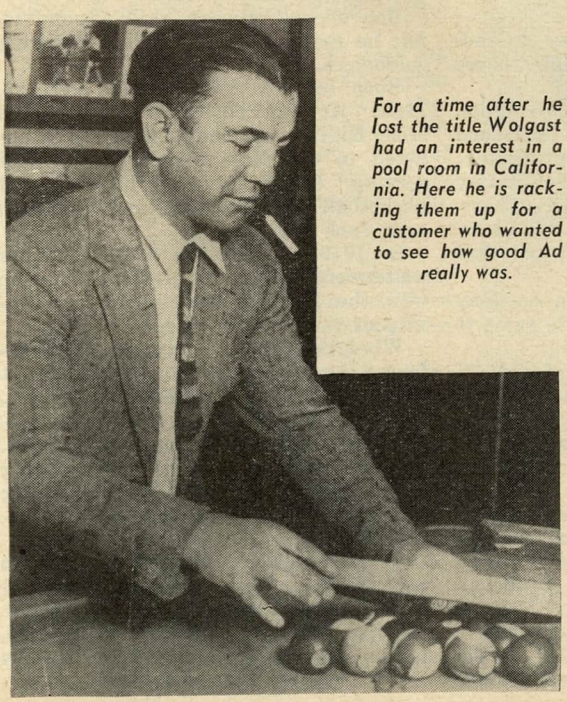
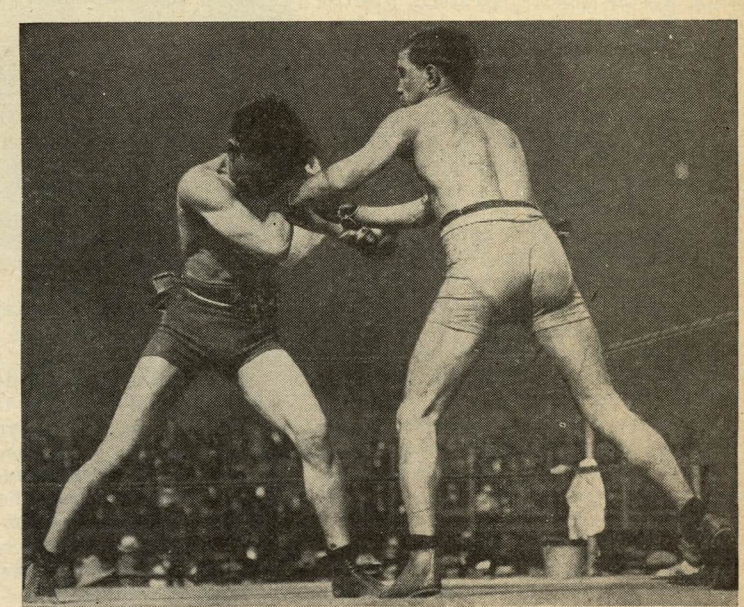


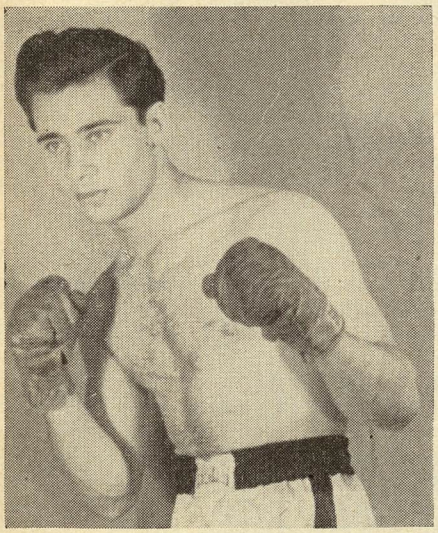
For a time after he lost the title Wolgast had an interest in a pool room in California. Here he is racking them up for a customer who wanted to see how good Ad really was.



Wolgast, right, mixing it with Willie Ritchie at Daly City, California, on November 28, 1912. The bout was stopped at the end of the 16th round with Ritchie being awarded the decision on a foul. Thus did the Michigan Wild Cat lose his title.

NEW FACES

By FRED EISENSTADT



Frank Alotta, Allentown, Pa. middleweight, a youngster showing promise.

IT is not because he works for the Allentown, Pa., Western Electric Company that makes him a live-wire ringman but because, as he claims, he enjoys fighting. And judging by the zest with which he performed at Madison Square Garden not long ago, when he defeated Andre Tessier, he seems to like sock exchanging. That, perhaps, is why he's so pleasing at fist-tossing: He's sharp-eyed and agile, shoots snappy wallops to the head and body—almost too fast for the eye to follow.

Born in Allentown, Pa., on Nov. 15, 1931, Frank got a job as shipping clerk at the town's Western Electric Co., office after being graduated from high school, where he had been an all-round athlete and learned how to use his fists.

At the age of 17, Alotta entered the amateurs, working out at the YMCA. In two years of competition he had 40 bouts, winning 36 of them—17 by the kayo route. Frank turned pro under the management of David Karess, an Allentown businessman. The shifty middleweight scrapper won 9 of his 14 pro contests, 4 by knockouts.

"There's just one thing I'm not satisfied with about boxing," says Frank with a wry grin. "And that's my not fighting often enough."

Frank lives with his mother; has two sisters, likes hamburgers with onions, spaghetti sauce meatballs, jive music, girls with poodle haircuts but not poodles.

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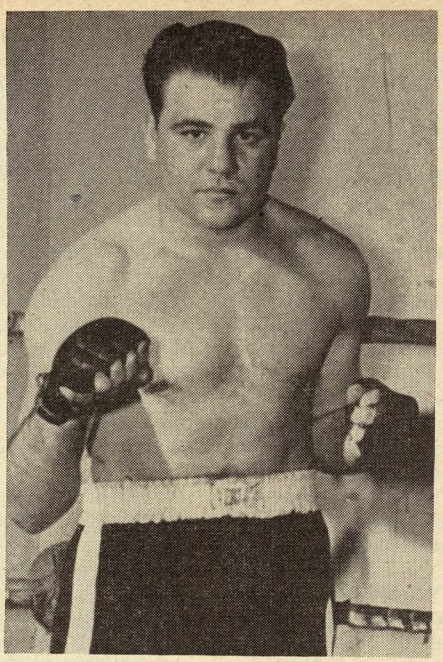
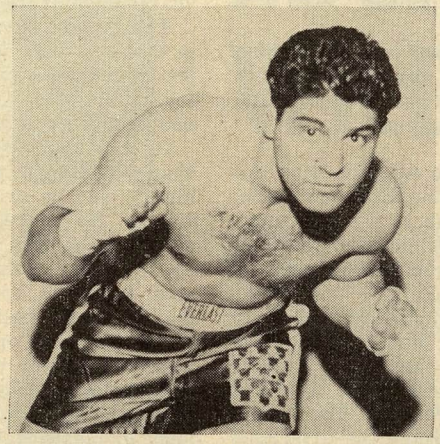
MADISON Square Garden fans have seen welterweight Paulie Griffin in several exciting brawls. The solidly built welter has a crowd pleasing ring style: moving forward and banging away with both mitts, employing his strength and aggressiveness to advantage. Win or lose, Griffin never fails to provide action.



Bob Provizzi, ex Golden Glove welter champ and lightheavy champ of the Atlantic Fleet, who is making strides as a professional.



Another Brooklynite is Rinzi Nocero, a middleweight youngster with a bright future.

Winner of nine out of 15 pro fights, Paulie has twice defeated seasoned Emerson Butcher—a main bout fighter; trounced the experienced Charley Wright and Al Lind among others. Three of his 5 losses were to Larry Baker, but Paulie is unconvinced that Baker is his master.

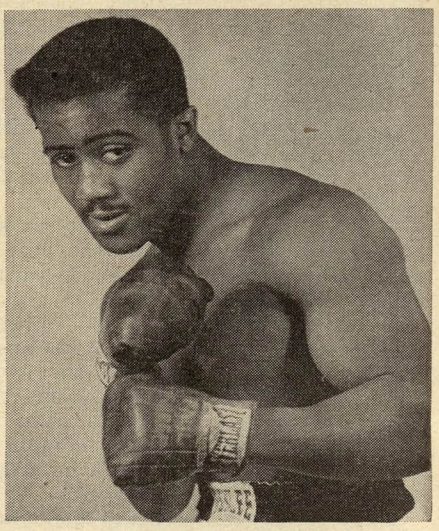
The stork delivered Griffin on May 29, 1934, in Waycross, Ga. He came to live in Brooklyn at 2.

"Since I was twelve," he informs, "I had hopes of becoming a fighter. I began to prepare for the ring by boxing with neighborhood kids who owned boxing gloves. Unfortunately, I lost a few friends because I beat them."

Griffin, a gentle and soft-spoken youth, had to leave high school to help support his widowed mother and eleven children, of which he's the youngest. "My mother is now living in Georgia, with a married daughter," he says.

The Brooklynite was started in the amateurs by Johnny Zito, former boxer who taught Paulie the art of self defense. After winning eleven out of 13 contests, the youngster turned pro in Sept. 1952. Quitting his job as a shipping clerk, he placed himself under the management of Sammy Galasso last April.

A welterweight born in Georgia but living in Brooklyn, N. Y. since childhood, Paulie Griffin is a crowd pleaser.



A prototype of welterweight contender Johnny Saxton, the quiet youth sheds his gentle mien in the ring when the gong clangs, tears into his foe—seeking to eliminate him.

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LOOKING more like a salad mixer in a cafeteria than a prize fighter, Bob Provizzi invariably surprises the fans when he steps out of his corner and begins to ply his trade of trading punches. Although a layer of fat still covers his frame, Bob is amazingly fast. He moves lightly on his feet, has a quick eye and can punch with speed.

Provizzi is not as soft as he appears. He shakes off thundering wallops and comes back fighting. His recuperative powers are surprising.

Bob doesn't always chill opponents, but he never fails to thrill the paying customers.

Born in Freeland, Pa., on July 20, 1931. At 18, Provizzi was graduated from High School and immediately enlisted in the Navy, where he is still serving. "Bob starred in baseball and basketball in high school," informs manager Jack Toner.

In 1949 he won the Golden Gloves welterweight title. Two years ago he won the light-heavyweight championship of the Atlantic Fleet."

When the chubby scrapper was transferred back to New York, Toner put him in his first pro fight on Sept. 16, 1952. He had six bouts that year, dropping one duke and boxing two draws. He did pretty good this year, winning over the tough Irwin Schultz, trouncing Ronnie Moore and holding Andre Tessier even.

"I was iced by Howard Soligny in one round," admits the pleasant-faced lad. "The guy leaped out of his corner at the bell and caught me cold. I was also stopped by Richie James

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..With Our SERVICEMEN

THE NATIONAL AAU and Inter-Service lightweight champion, Frank Smith, of Covington, Ky., received his discharge at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on October 31 after serving there since his induction into the Army, November 1, 1951.

The youngster, who has made a rapid climb to the top of amateur and service boxing, plans an immediate career in the professional ring.

Corporal Smith had an outstanding amateur record in Cincinnati fight circles before entering the Army and over a five year span he has compiled 74 victories while losing 12. During his two year Army hitch he engaged in 37 bouts, winning 34 of them.

Smith gives much credit to Lieutenant Fred Morales, Jr., the Ft. Wood post boxing coach, for his success in service boxing. Morales was the 1951 National Golden Gloves bantamweight titleholder and the 1951 Christian Athlete of the Year.

Smith's only loss this year was in an All-Army scrap. However, the Cincy slugger went on to capture the lightweight crown in the first Inter-Service boxing tournament and the National AAU lightweight crown.

Other titles held by the 22-year-old fighter are the 1953 St. Louis Golden Gloves championship; the 1952 Kansas City Golden Gloves crown; the 1952 All-Army title; the 1953 Fort Wood and Fifth Army championships; and the 1952 Fort Wood and Fifth Army crowns.

Smith got his start as a 17 year old under Phil Canino in a Covington F. O. P. League while attending Our Saviors High School, Covington, and then joined the Cincinnati Central YMCA where he fought his way to the 1950 light welterweight amateur title.

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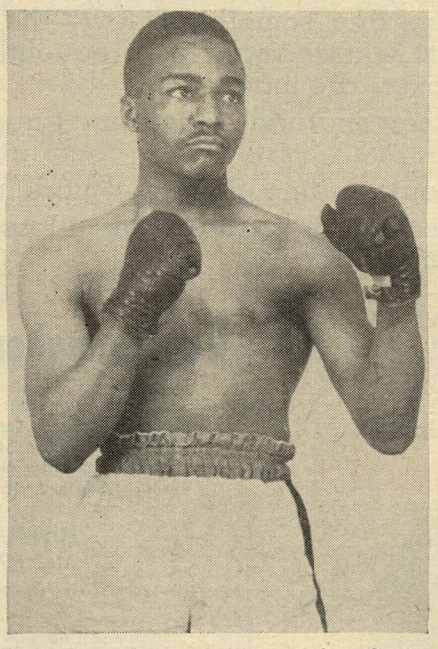
An overflow crowd of 2600 fight fans jammed the Coco Solo gym at Fort Amador, Canal Zone, to watch the leather fly in the boxing smoke.

Ramon Fuentes, 118¾, lost a close decision in his bout with Juan Rodriguez-Rivera, 119. Juan Gonzalez-Correa, 119, landed a left hook which dropped Daniel Hernandez, 117¾, to the canvas for a count of 8 in the first round and won a split decision.

Juan Calderon, 126½, put on steam in the last round of his fight with Nemesio Figueroa-Fuentes, 121¼, to eke out a split decision. In another very even match, W. T. Houston, 133½, gained an unpopular split decision over Jesus Navarez, 140¼.

Tommy Salem, Cleveland featherweight prospect, is stationed in Japan with the U. S. Army.



Frank Smith, National AAU and Inter-Service lightweight champion, is out of service and will launch his professional career.

The fourth split decision in a row was recorded when Domingo Morales-Coto, 139, took Felix Bonilla, 147, into camp.

Miguel Berrios, popular young Puerto Rican featherweight who has been campaigning in the States the last two years, recently was inducted into the U. S. Army.

Berrios won his first six fights in New York, defeating Rafael Laboy, Willie Alexander, Charlie DeBow, Earl Hilton and Dave Rollins.

This year he lost an eight round decision to Richie Crump, scored over Henry Brown, dropped a ten round nod to Bill Bossio and came back with victories over Earl Hilton and Tommy Reed.

Jimmy (Wildcat) Williams, Newark, N. J., welterweight, is also in the Army and stationed at Camp Polk, La. Attached to Special Service, Williams has been keeping up with his boxing and in the championships held at the post won the welterweight and middleweight titles.

Tommy Salem, one of the best prospects in the featherweight division and Cleveland's star youngster, has been in the Army for a full year now.

Recently Tommy was picked by an Army group on athletics to attend a school in Tokyo. At this school the "brass" was impressed with Salem's boxing ability. Tommy put on an exhibition with Bobby Barnes, a good little lightweight out of Buffalo, N. Y. Their work in the ring was so scintillating that the pair was transferred to the athletic school in Tokyo.

So impressed were the audience of big-wigs that Tommy and Bobby made a two month tour through Japan giving exhibitions.

Tommy is determined to become the featherweight champion of the world and says that when he gets out of service he will be the "hungriest" fighter any one ever saw.

The one big blot on Tommy's professional record—if it can be called that—is losing an eight round split decision to a vastly more experienced Charley Riley. The only other fighter Salem has lost to is Don Ward, who outweighed him by seven big pounds.

Pfc Tommy Salem is with the 7th Cavalry Regiment, and though still in service he is sending out challenges to all the top featherweights. Quoting Tommy: "I'll start with the toughest ones first."

Tommy is only twenty years old, stands five feet, seven inches and is a legitimate featherweight. His brother, Freddie, is in the Navy and was a runner-up in the Cleveland Golden Gloves in 1951. He is now at Officers Training School at Bainbridge, Md.

Cleveland is looking forward to Salem's return to stir up interest in the game in that section and Tommy promises that he'll do just that.

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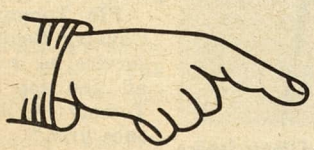

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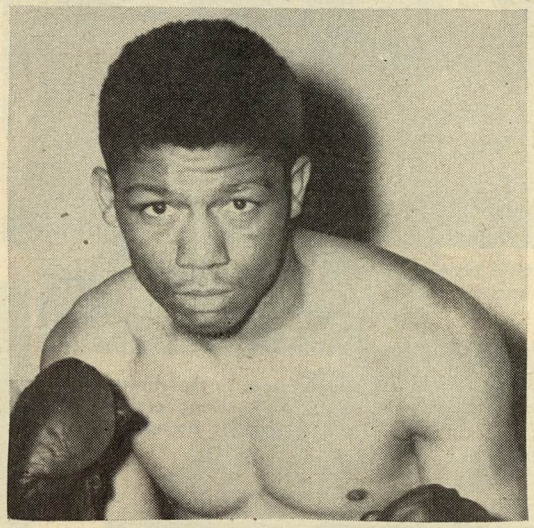
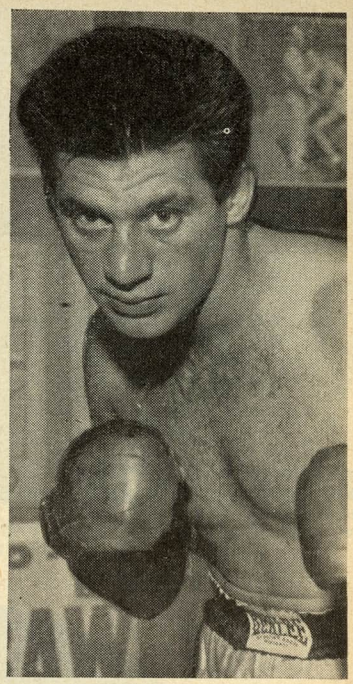


Jesse Turner, St. Louis middleweight who has captured the fans with his slam bang style of action.



"The Blue Island Express," Rocky Casillo, is a welterweight who reminds fans of Rocky Graziano . . . both in looks and in the ring.

By NAT LOUBET

FOUR fine young fighters who have built up large followings, due to their crowd pleasing styles are Jesse Turner, Nenos (King) Solomon, Dick Kerber, and Rocky Casillo. They have made a big hit in all of the midwestern cities where they have fought.

Rocky Casillo

A CARBON copy of Rocky Graziano, both in looks and fighting style, Rocky Casillo, "The Blue Island Express" is rated one of the Hottest young fighters in the Midwest.

Rocky, born Micheal one of five children in Newark, N. J. April 8, 1930 moved as a youngster to Chicago where he grew up. He has lived in Blue Island, Ill. since he was married four years ago and is the father of two girls, 3 years and 15 months old respectively. Another addition to the family is expected in the fall.

Casillo started boxing while he was in the Army Medical Corps. at Ft. Belivor, Va. where he spent two years. Following his discharge he worked as a construction worker and fought four amateur bouts without a loss before turning professional in March 1952.

Despite less then two years of professional experience Rocky has an impressive record winning 21 out of 24 bouts, 12 by kayos. Rocky has floored almost every one of his opponents. Richie Reed, Mario Terry, Gene Gunter, Ken Hohner, Danny Giovannelli and Joe Henningsen, all have been kayoed by Casillo, while he defeated Charley Early, Joe Greenwood, and Jesse Underwood. A two fisted puncher, Casillo is managed by Jack Begun.

Jesse Turner

A HARD punching middleweight who learned his trade the hard way, Jesse Turner was born in Bovina, Mississippi, January 3, 1930. As a youngster he moved to St. Louis where he lived in one of the toughest sections of the mound city. Jesse learned to fight in the street brawls always going on. As he got older he started to go to the Neighborhood boys' club where he picked up a few of the basic points of boxing. When he was 15 he entered the amateurs and fought for over two years twice reaching the finals.

In 1947 while still in high school he turned professional and since then has made steady progress. Starting out as a lightweight he fought his way through the welterweight and is now a solid 155 pounder.

Jesse has won 33 of 48 bouts, scoring 20 kayos and boxing 5 draws. He has kayoed Tony Amato, Sylvester Perkins, Duggie Miller, something that Randy Turpin failed to do, Terry Moore, Buddy Holderfield, Billy Sudduth, Jimmy Sherrer, Joe Arthur, while outpointing Billy Kilgore, Irving Steen, Norman Hayes, and Kid Gavilan's recent conqueror Danny Womber. A good puncher with either hand he can hold his own when forced to box, although it is his slam bang style that has made his large following.

Jesse works as a house painter for his manager Arthur Liebert, and is building a house for his wife and three fine sons in his spare time.

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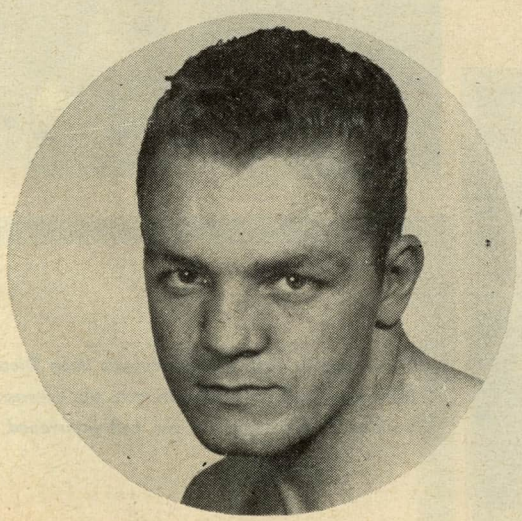
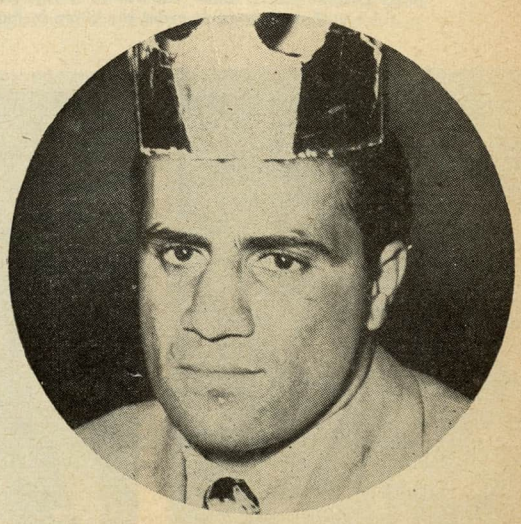


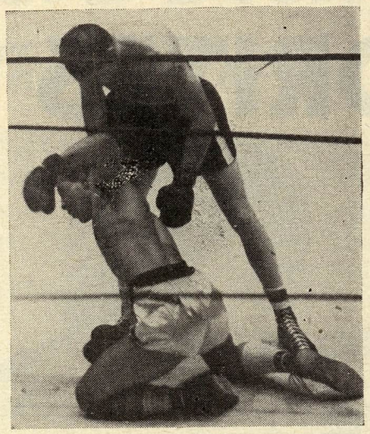
Dick Kerber, nicknamed the Milwaukee "Blond Tiger" is a club fighter with a solid punch.

The light heavyweight division which has been in need of new faces has Nenos (King) Solomon to bolster that class in the coming fall season.

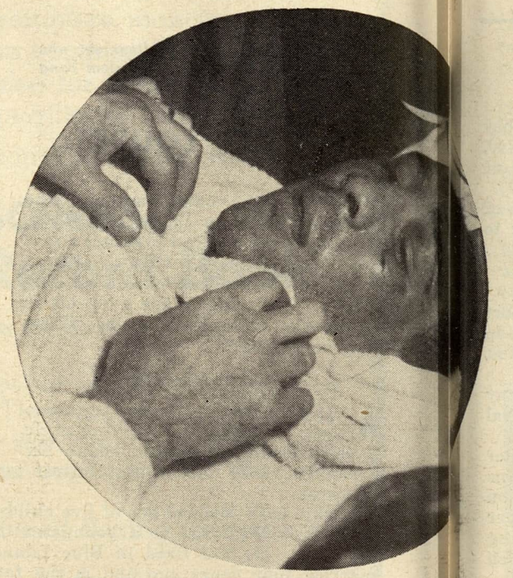


Middleweight's New Champ

Caught with his tongue hanging out, Carl (Bobo) Olson relaxes in his dressing room after winning the middleweight title.



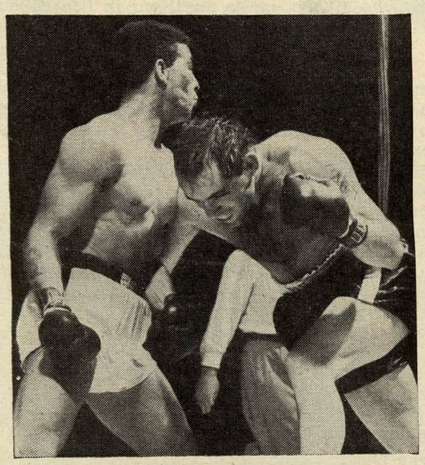
Randy Turpin drops to the canvas in the ninth round. After taking a five count the bell sounded saving him.

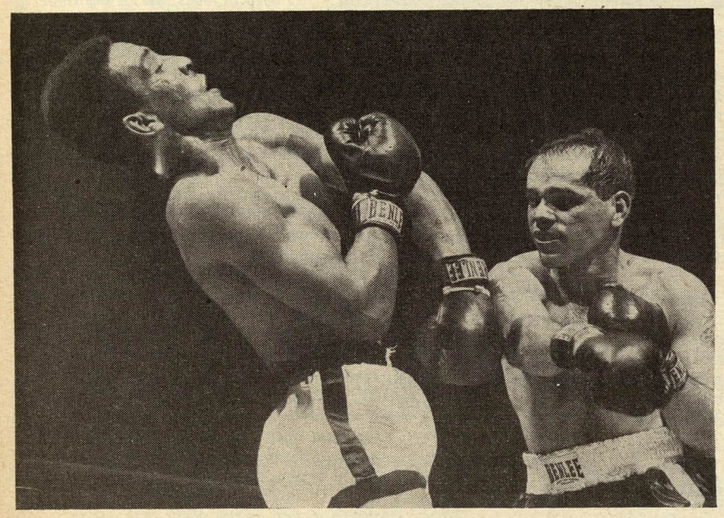


His left eye cut and almost swollen shut, Turpin lies down in his dressing room follow losing effort.

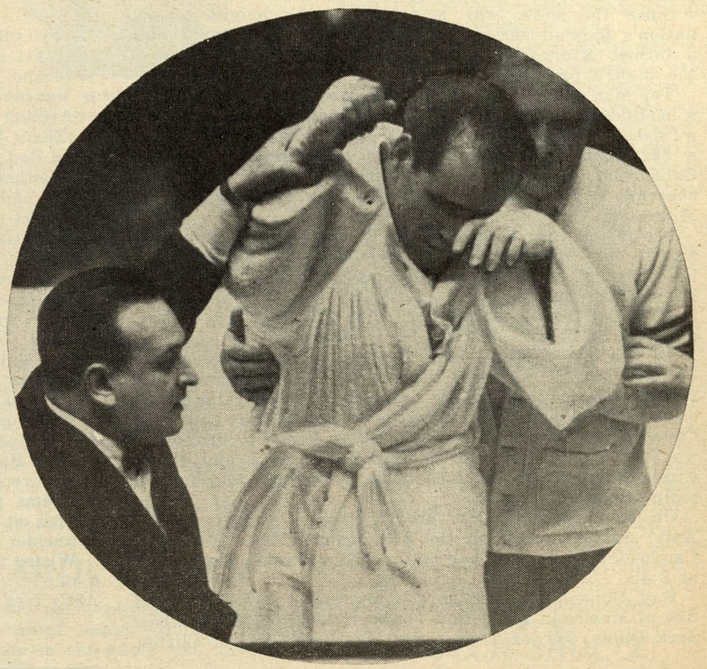
Randy Turpin (right) forced the fight in the early rounds to take the play away from Bobo Olson. Here he is landing a right to the midsection.

With the world middleweight title at stake, Randy Turpin (left) and Bobo Olson slug it out in battle royal fashion.

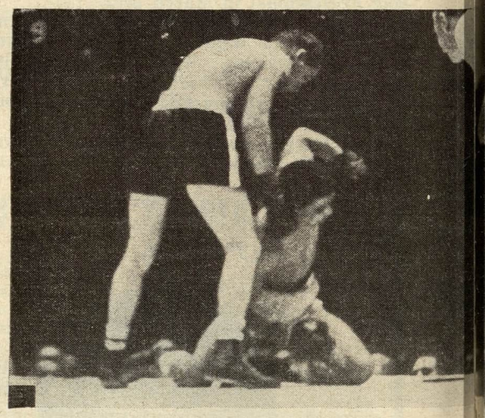


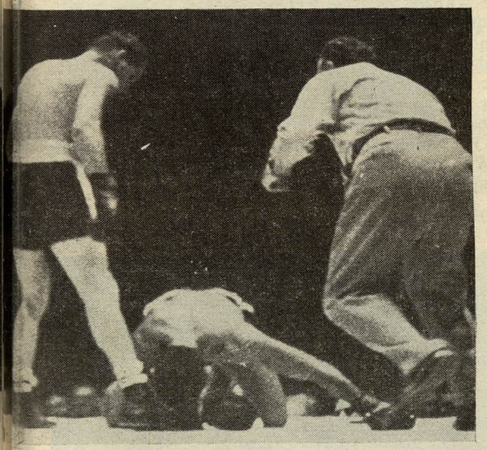


Bobo Olson (right) found the range in the sixth round and Randy Turpin tried to avoid the blows by leaning back.

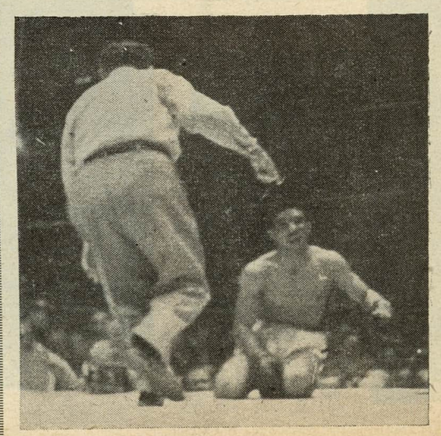


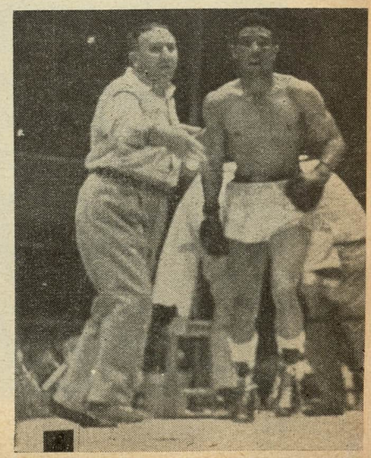
Tears of Victory. His hand raised in triumph, Bobo Olson weeps with joy, the long, hard struggle over, the world middleweight crown his.





The sequence, left to right, shows Bobo Olson rock Ran in with a hard right to the jaw; Turpin going down; Randy on his knees; but falling to the canvas on all fours e Al Berl counting as Turpin sits dazed; Randy up and walking to his corner as the bell intervened. The acti ed in the ninth round.





News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

THE big event since we last were together was the big wing-ding held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, which drew through the turnstiles 15,851 customers for a total gate of $51,265.50.

Which all goes to show that if you give the fans the type of matches they want to see and blackout TV from the area in which the show is to take place, you have the promoter's dream . . . "sell out."

Since the show was held during the height of the nation's football season what could be more natural than a former Minnesota football great should be the hero of the night's proceedings?

Top man on the totem poll was Verne Gagne, who applied a modified head lock (known to an ever-growing number as a "sleeper" hold) upon the noble pate of The Mighty Atlas, a 222 pound professional strong man from San Diego, California. Gagne tipped the Fairbanks at 219 and had a cheering section that came all the way from Robinsdale, Minnesota, to witness his success.

"Color" man for the night was Wladek "Killer" Kowalski, a 260 pound meanie from Windsor, Ontario, who has been the terror of the Mid-west for many months. Scheduled as his opponent for the night's festivities was Antonino Rocca but he had trouble obtaining a visa allowing him to gain entrance into the U. S. from South America.

At the last minute, Gene Stanlee (Mr. America) was dropped into the slot and the 241 pound Stanlee was then further dropped by Kowalski until his shoulders came to rest on the canvas in 16:28 of a bout scheduled for one hour. The Canadian giant, with his rough, tough, brand of grappling, was the life of the party. His Basso howl and frown extraordinaire had the fans howling for him and for his scalp at different times.

On the undercard, "Mr. Israel", Raphael Halpern, of Tel Aviv, went to work on the 242 pound Bibber McCoy of Cambridge, Mass., and had him cooked and ready for serving at 8:35.

Ray Gunkel, 235, Texas champ, floored Vincent Lopez, 238, of Mexico in 2:35. Ray Thunder, 225, of Brooklyn, beat Jack Dillon, 245, of Tenn. Tony Martinelli, 218, of Clifton, New Jersey, was on the losing end of his match with Bobby Orton, 238 of Kansas City in 16:38. Frank Milano, 240, Huntington, L. I., took 12:04 to down Clyde Steves, of Canada and Brockton, Mass.

Noticeable among the gathering was the predominence of the fairer sex who always make anything in life easier to take.

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IN AND ON THE MAT . . . We were sorry to receive the report that Art Lamphier, Canadian 140 pound amateur champ in 1940 and busy up to recently in wrestling, passed away at a Vancouver, Canadian hospital.

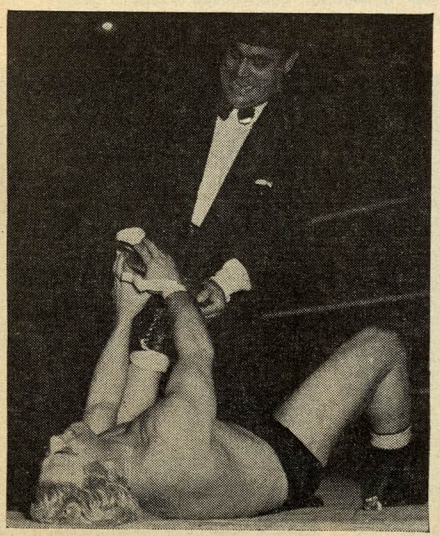
Around the country: At Hollywood, California Danny McShain took two of three falls from his long-time rival Wild Red Berry at the Legion Stadium.

In other matches on the card, the tag team of Sandor Szabo and Leo Garibaldi drew with the Dizzy Dean-Hans Schnabel duo. Raphall Halpern, recently seen in Madison Square Garden, who is the Israeli champ, moved further along the path toward a match with Lou Thesz by downing Tom Rinestau. Francy Roy defeated Bob Cummings to finish out the night's entertainment.

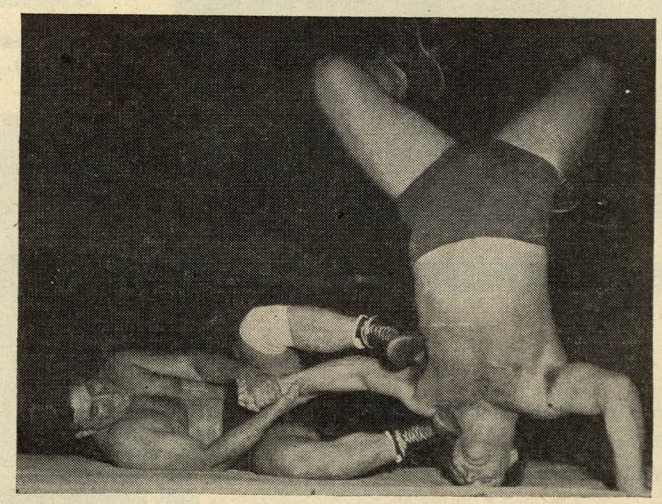
In Worcester, Mass., at the Mechanics Hall, fans saw Manuel Cortez of Boston lose on a two fall out of three match with Sandor Kovacs of Quincy, when Cortez was unable to continue due to a leg injury incurred when he fell out of the ring.

Who hasn't wanted to see a referee get knocked out? Art Neilsen not only managed to accomplish that little deed at the Baltimore Coliseum but also beat Sonny Meyers, who is reputed to be one of the game's top leverage artists. It seems that Meyers zoomed Art over his shoulder and landed on him with a body press. He waited for referee Gil Schneider to begin the count but no ref appeared.

Where was the doleful finger man? Stretched out taking a nap! . . . When Meyers brought Art over his shoulder, Art's feet caught the ref on the butt of the chin, knocking



Professor Roy Shire getting a type of first aid from his servant George Macricostas following his bout with Buddy Rogers at Hagerstown, Indiana which the Prof lost.



Rickie Starr, TV favorite, escaping from an arm hold held by Frankie Sgroi. Technically the escape maneuver is known as a spin. (Photo by Bob Utter)

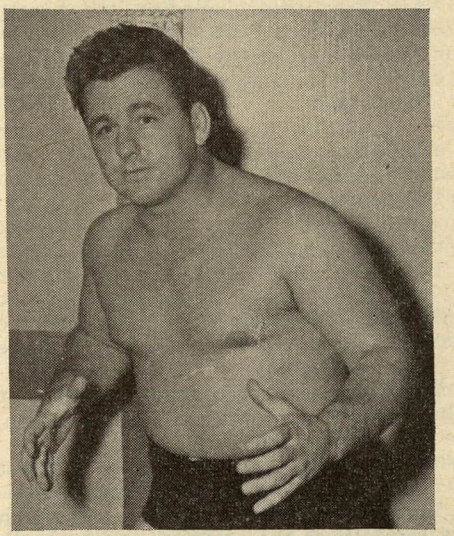
Meyers did perceive the trouble, he released Art from his hold and went to the aid of the semi-conscious ref. As he was administering his helping hand, Nielson crept closer and closer and then . . . zounds—the villain dood it . . . Art banged Meyers on the skonce to level him on the canvas. The Hollywood boys really had a hand in this one. Referee Schneider, still groggy, counted Meyers out. You tired of this one? So am I.

Also in Baltimore on another card the Golden Terror and Gene Stanlee attempted to settle a long standing feud but battled to a draw instead.

Vince Salerno 240 pound Camden, New Jersey grappler, is versatile. Not only does Vince pound a wicked chop blow but he also pounds a typewriter with equal dexterity for "The Argus", a Camden newspaper of which he is a columnist.

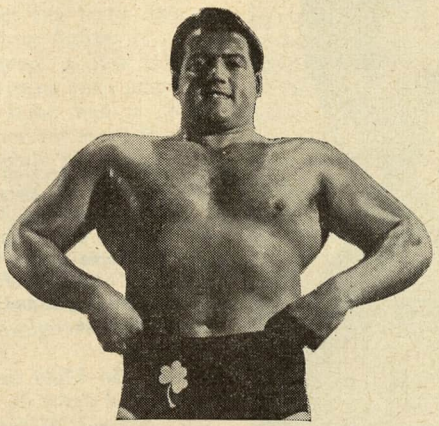
While on the matter of the Fourth Estate and their associate members, we want to pass on a plug for the excellent work being done by Jack Brickhouse at the Marigold Gardens at Chicago. Jack knows his game and has sixth sense on when to talk and when to—shall we say keep mum.

Speaking of crazy holds—Art Nelson has a beauty in his Throat Stomp or Knee Drop. Worse than cigarettes on your wind. Barone Leone's "Neck-breaker" is quaint to say the least. The holder of one of the world's light heavyweight crowns is an aggressive ever forcing, stamina stacked Californian who would like another crack at Thesz. Who wouldn't?



Stu Gibson, former boxer and college footballer, now making headway among the grunt and groaners.

He flys through the air with the greatest of ease! The Mighty Atlas, another of the strong boys (enroute to the canvas). The impetus was furnished by Farmer Brown, on his back. Seconds later positions were reversed and Atlas was pinned.



One of the mat games strong men is Barney Deigan, a 265 pounder known as "The Irish Sampson". (Photo by Bob Utter)

Letter from Joe Marsh, en route from Hawaii to Manila and Bombay. Joe, one of the clan's top character actors, will do another movie in the near future for Darryl Zanuck nombed "The Egyptian". Incidently, saw a play on Broadway called "The Teahouse of the August Moon" and who do you think slunk onto the stage playing the part of an Oriental grappler? . . . None other than Big Ben Morgan. He and David Wayne do a fantango exhibition in one part of the play known as a Sumo match. Morgan is also the "Police Chief" of the Oakinawian village.

Almost forgot . . . Joe Marsh has just shaved his head and says he will keep it that way . . . "easy to keep clean and cheaper that way," he says.

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KINJI SHIBUYA

The few nerve specialists in wrestling have baffled many of the greatest wrestlers in the game who have faced them.

Their technique is very difficult. Through anatomical studies they have developed the skill to put pressure on nerve centers of an opponent's body so that he is forced to break whatever hold he may be applying.

Dick Torio, senior at the U of Toledo, who has annexed the Inter-State Collegiate and Mid-American Collegiate titles in the 191 pound class.

Kinji Shibuya Hawaiian 231 pounder admits he knows of 24 centers on each side of a man's body where pressure of varying amounts will result in the man losing his grip. "Fans often figured I was doing something illegal," he explained. "I wasn't. Nerve center pressure is quite legal under all wrestling rules."

By pressing a nerve on the neck of an opponent, Shibuya can put his man to sleep in the same manner used by both Vern Gagne and The Great Togo.

Shibuya is credited with two of the most amazing sleeper demonstrations in the history of wrestling, while in western United States and Canada. In two exhibitions, the Japanese artist lullabyed something like 20 men.

The wily Oriental told about them over a dish of Sukiyaki. "There were 10 or 12 volunteers in Portland, Oregon," he said. "And recently maybe 8 or 10 more in Calgary. In Calgary I did it for a Boy Scout group, but naturally I wouldn't accept any of the youngsters. Some grownups offered to be the guinea pigs and they all went quietly to sleep, one after another."

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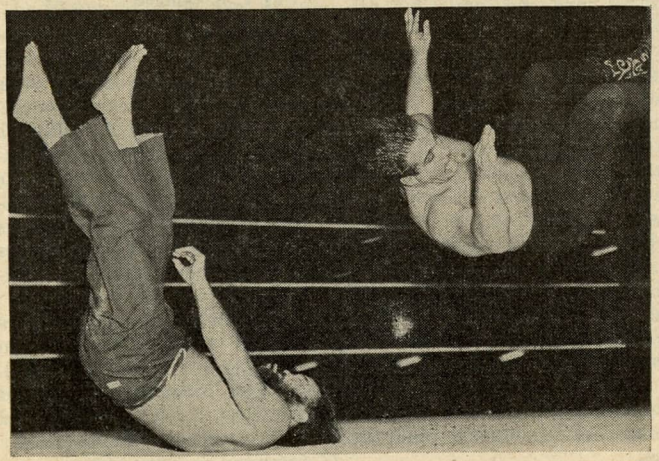
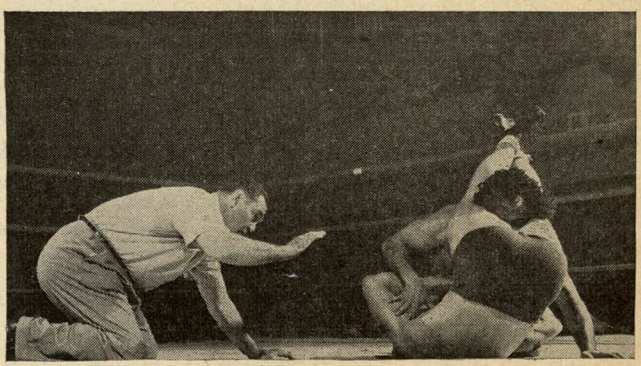
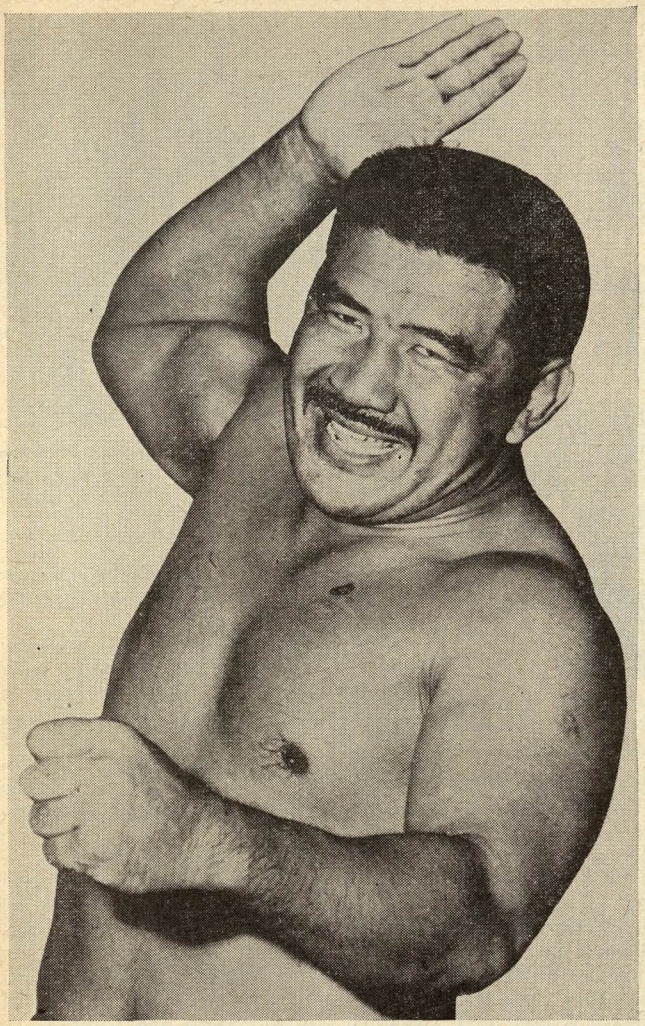
DUTCH SHULTZ

FOR a fellow who has been in the cauliflower trade for almost twenty years, Dutch Shultz is still meeting and





Jack Dempsey, acting as a referee. In our next issue we will have a feature article on Jack by Norman Reisman. Don't miss it.



Kinji Shibuya, a necking expert. He puts the onus on his opponents by a nerve pressure applied in much the same manner as "sleeper" holds used by both Vern Gagne and The Great Togo.

defeating the best in the business today.

Shultz, who gives his age as a mild 39, tips the Fairbanks at 212 pounds and stands one-inch over the six-foot mark. He was born in Houston, Tex., where he still makes his home.

Dutch started as an amateur in 1932. After three years in the blue ribbon class he decided to try his luck in the money circuit. During his 17 years as a pro Shultz has faced them all. In the 175-pound division he battled such noteables as Wild Red Berry, Jackie and Hugh Nichols, Toots and Balk Estes, Martino Angelo and Steve Nenoff. In the heavyweight class he matched holds with Ray Steele, Danno O'Mahoney and Jimmy Londos.

"Of all the men I have grappled," Dutch said, "I believe LeRoy McGuirk was the greatest. He had everything that a wrestler needs to be tops. He was fast and plenty smart. Another thing in his favor was endurance. LeRoy could grapple all night without getting tired."

Like all sportsmen Shultz has a hobby which holds true to form. In his spare time during the summer months you can usually find him along the banks of a river pulling in the big one's that didn't get away. During the winter he likes nothing better than to load his four-ten for a shot at the big game.

On the mat, Dutch is a rough, rugged guy. His "Pier 6" tactics have caused near riots from coast to coast!

BARNEY DEIGAN

(Interview by Bob Utter)

About the only way you can describe Barney Deigan is that he is big and powerful!

Born in Dublin, Ireland, 24-years ago, Deigan is a ponderous lad standing eleven inches over the five-foot mark and weighs a gigantic 265-pounds.

It was Yukon Eric who first discovered Deigan. While grappling in the Land of Shamrocks some eight months ago, Yukon wandered into a Dublin gymnasium where Barney was instructing a weightlifting class.

Eric was so impressed at the youngster's brute strength that he immediately approached him concerning a try at the bone crushing business. Right there and then Yukon took the kid in hand and before an hour had passed, Deigan was doing a man sized job of handling the Canadian veteran.

Deigan, who has been wrestling throughout the Midwestern states for the past several weeks, is billed as the "Irish Sampson." He not only has plenty of excess avoirdupois but he has muscles to top it off. He was runnerup in the 1950 "Mr. Ireland" contest. His 57-inch chest and his 20-inch arm stands out like a sore thumb when he's in the ring.

According to the big fellow his main hobby is hunting. His favorite foods are steaks and vegetables.

STU GIBSON

A FORMER Golden Glove boxer who switched to wrestling four years ago, Stu Gibson, say the experts, made a wise move in selecting the pad sport as his life's work!

Gibson, a 5-foot 11-inch, 232-pound ruffian, was born in New Albany, Ind., on Oct. 5, 1925. Being a firm believer in any sport that requires muscle and brawn, Big Stu was a cinch on the gridiron and learned his lessons so well while in high school that he was named fullback on the 1943 Indiana All-State team.

After graduating from New Albany high school Gibson enrolled at the University of Louisville where he later became one of the greatest football men to ever wear the colors of that school. He played fullback on the University squad from 1946 until 1949 when he graduated, and in 1947 was the leading scorer in Kentucky.

As we said before, Stu started out as an amateur boxer. His pugilistic fame came while serving with the United States Air Force. He held a number of Air Base titles including the heavyweight belt at Scott Feld, Ill., Chanute Field, Ill., Langley Field, Va., Truax Field, Wis., and the Middle-West Air Force diadem.

In 1948 he won the Kentucky Golden Gloves championship and later went on to capture the Central States Golden Glove trophy.

Gibson's switch from amateur boxing to pro wrestling came in 1949, thanks to Wild Bill Longson, the former world's champion. It was Bill who took the kid in hand and taught him the in's and out's of the game. With Stu's past football record, his boxing background, plus three years of amateur wrestling, and a coach like Longson, how can the guy miss?

Stu claims Lou Thesz to be the best man he has ever faced and doesn't hesitate to say, "That Thesz is one rough boy. He is the smartest and best all-around man I have ever seen."

Choice steaks and oysters are Gibson's favorite foods while his No. 1 hobby is quail hunting. He is married and has two children!

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AUSTRALIANS WRESTLING NEWS

By T. A. Gannon

MELBOURNE fans enjoyed their first tag contest of the season when Dirty Dick Raines paired with spectacular Hawaiian star, Lucky Simunovich in a hectic affray against the combination of Dutch Hefner and Chief Little Wolf. First fall came when Simunovich used a series of flying dropkicks to set up Chief Little Wolf and Raines finished the good work with a backbreaker.

The veteran Redskin evened matters when he trapped Simunovich into an Indian Deathlock for a submission fall.

In the third fall, Simunovich trapped Hefner into a Full Nelson and walked him over to the corner where Raines

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have ended the fight.

But he came through, weathering the storm nicely and even carrying the fight to his opponent in the final thirty seconds. His stamina and courage enabled him to meet the situation. He fought bravely and intelligently—two assets of a good fighter.

One of Turpin's greatest ring assets is his ability when physically fit, to pull away when attacked, rocking his body back to escape the tossed punches to the head and while in the act, dropping his hands to protect the body. It's a defense that proved handy in all his previous fights.

Against Olson he couldn't succeed except a few times. So long as Randy has room for manoeuvering into position for such action, he's successful. But Bobo had a little trick of his own to prevent this. He either cornered Randy and pounded away at body and head while the Britisher made no attempt to clear out of the hazard, or pinned Turpin against the ropes midway between the corners and kept him from carrying out that type of defense. It proved that Olson is a finished boxer, a heady fighter who has learned much since he lost his last close battle to Ray Robinson whom he now succeeds to the throne that has had as its kings, some of the greatest middleweights of all time.

MAKING the weight was the problem child of Turpin it was generally conceded, because of what he had to undergo when he fought Charley Humez in London, but instead it was Olson who made it by an eyelash. All of which causes one to wonder if he, like others before him, will find the task too great ere long and suffer the consequences. He says no and so does his capable manager, Sid Flaherty.

The millions who listened to the broadcast of the fight and saw it on television outside of the blackout area, wish him well and hope he's not going to face such a task. His busy style, his rugged physique, his faithful adherence to a training schedule, and his will to win, paid off in the end. Perhaps Randy Turpin will profit from the example set by his conqueror should the Britisher continue to ply his trade in the roped square.

It was a good, engrossing fight, an exciting affair all the way and for that everyone associated with it and the fight enthusiasts are thankful.

As for Turpin, he said he was beaten by a mental hazard. He blamed his failure on personal affairs that kept him worried. But that's no excuse.

Olson, dubbed the United Nations fighter with the Swedish-American-Portuguese-Hawaiian ancestry, proved himself a skilled mechanic, capable of meeting a situation and quickly adopting the necessary style to combat it with effectiveness. Even though he is generally called a feather-dusted puncher, he twice dropped Turpin, something Ray Robinson couldn't succeed in accomplishing.

For that he must receive the credit due him despite the fact that Randy displayed ebbing stamina from the fifth round on. It takes more than mere feather-dusting hitting to put even a tired Turpin to the canvas with a whirlwind head attack and one good belly wallop.

No matter what might be said about Turpin's condition, he knew what he was in for. He realized his responsibility to himself, the British public and the thousands who enabled him to take home a huge pay-day envelope. Hence we must take nothing away from the man who whipped him fairly, decisively and who will make a good champion.

Olson doesn't compare with his predecessor, nor does he hit as hard as did Tony Zale or Rocky Graziano, nor is he a Harry Greb or Mickey Walker, but he'll do. He has what it takes to keep up the public's interest and that's what we need very badly right now. We doff our hat to the new champion to whom 'The Ring' will award the World Middleweight Championship Belt.

He was so overwhelmed by his victory, that the man who twice was defeated by Sugar Ray Robinson, stood in the center of the ring and cried as his hand was raised by Johnny Addie in token of victory, a triumph that brought with it the world middleweight championship.

It was a pleasing fight with each man trying the best he could for the knockout and the fans went home satisfied.

UNSUNG CHAMPIONS

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Jones, a stunt which alone qualifies him as something special among modern fighters.

In spite of these stand-out achievements, Steele is almost forgotten today. It was his misfortune, like so many others, to have made his only New York appearance when he was starting to fade, and the only look Easterners ever had at him was in the Garden in 1938, when he was stopped by Fred Apostoli.

During his prime Steele confined himself entirely to the Northwest. This region has its good points but there is no doubt that the spotlight would have played more vividly on Steele had he been active in a large eastern city instead of the comparative isolation of the tall timber country. The heavier the population center in which a fighter becomes noted, the more attention and publicity is attracted to his efforts. This, of course, is especially true in New York.

Whether they admit it or not, the rest of the country takes its cue from the big town. A fighter of Steele's stature operating around New York would probably be installed today as one of the middleweight immortals.

A one time welterweight champion who even today is still held in the highest regard by fight people although ignored in all-time rankings was the late Young Jack Thompson. Young Jack, who passed on several years ago, first hit the headlines way back in 1928, when he scored a surprising knockout over then welterweight champion Joe Dundee.

A smooth, stylish boxer with a deadly punch when he cared to use it, Thompson, a Pacific Coast product, won the welterweight title from Jackie Fields in Detroit in 1930.

The pair had met a couple of times before that with Fields edging out decisions both times. Their second meeting in Chicago in 1929, for the welterweight crown, touched off a rip-roaring riot when Fields was called the winner.

The records do not give a true picture of Thompson's ability, since he became entangled in a web of intrigue initiated by the Jack Kearns-Ray Alvis-Tommy M'Ginty combine controlling Fields, Thompson and Tommy Freeman who passed the title around among them during the years from 1927 to 1931.

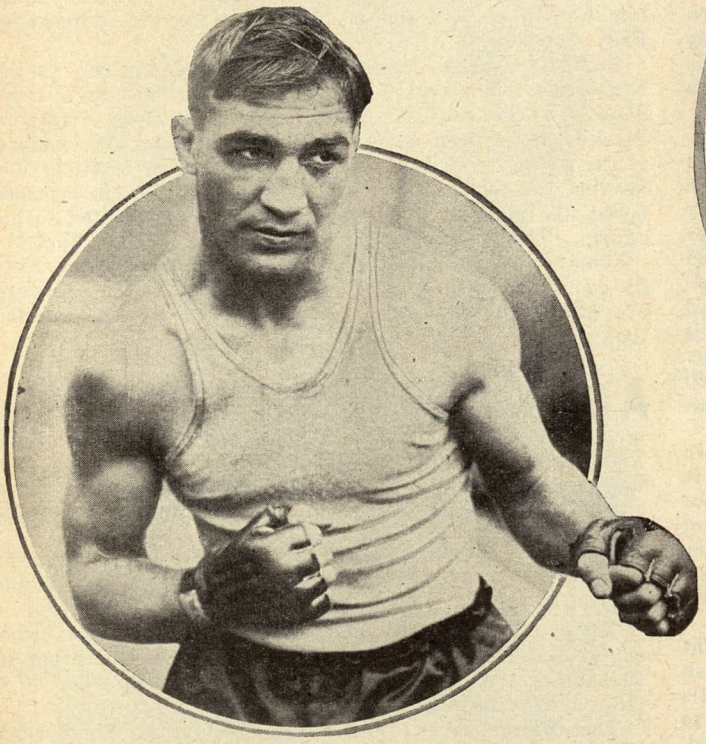
Freeman got into the act in 1930. He was managed by M'Ginty for whom Alvis and Kearns had high regard. These sympathetic souls, unable to sleep nights, because good old Tommy, a manager for many years, had never handled a world's champion, matched Thompson with Freeman for the title then held by Young Jack. After M'Ginty had been made happy by Freeman's winning the championship, the boys put on a return match between the two, and Young Jack became champion again.

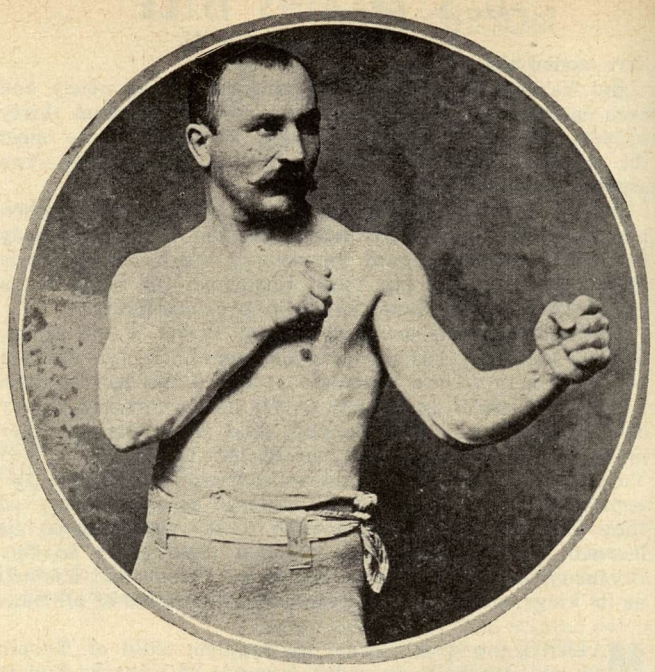
With monkey business like this going on, it is difficult to assay the true quality of a fighter such as Young Jack Thompson. In his only New York appearance, he met Jimmy M'Larnin, 1930, at a time when Jimmy was at the height of his kayo power. The pair finished with honors about even and the decision, which went to M'Larnin, brought forth blasts of indignation from both press and public.

At his best, and when not under the wrong kind of pressure, Young Jack Thompson was a wonderful all around ring mechanic who has had few equals in his class.

Fidel La Barba and Louis "Kid" Kaplan, one-time flyweight and featherweight kingpins, are a pair of old timers whose ranking in the all-time lists should be much higher than it is. La Barba was good enough to win the 112 pound crown from Frankie Genaro, one of the best little men who ever stepped into a ring, and few featherweights would have been favored over Kaplan, the old Meriden Mauler, when he was at his best. Praises of such feathers as Attell, Dundee, Kilbane, Pep are continually being sung, but any of these would have had their hands full with Louis "Kid" Kaplan.

Sometimes the passing years add new lustre to the unsung stars of the ring. There is a feeling among many that Charles will prove to be one of these. A sensitive, intelligent fellow, again like Tunney, the Ohioan has long brooded over his non-acceptance by the public.





(Left) Paul Berlenbach was deaf and as a youth his mother feared he could not take part in athletics. But he became light-heavyweight boxing champion of the world and also held amateur boxing wrestling titles.
(Above) Marine George LaBlanche was confined to barracks by his commanding officer so he wouldn't be slaughtered in a bout with Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, middleweight champion. George "jumped ship" and kayoed Dempsey in 32 rounds.

Acclaim for the Losers

By COL. HARVEY 'HEINIE' MILLER

THE Marciano-La Starza gory battle at the Polo Grounds of New York City was over. The crowd of 44,000 persons almost in unison cheered the victor.

The Brockton Blockbuster had retained the world heavyweight championship.

Coming from behind after six rounds in which he was outclassed by his opponent, rounds in which the champion looked more like a street brawler than a world title holder, as he charged in, head down, his rushes either ending on the ropes or with his noggin pressing against the groin of his opponent, Rocky gained the wild acclaim of the Polo Grounds throng and the thousands who watched the fight on a closed TV theatre circuit. The man who had set the pace in the early rounds seemed to be forgotten as round after round, starting with the sixth, Marciano kept boring in with flailing fists, moving forward at all times for the "kill." The tortured, helpless challenger was beyond defending himself when Referee Goldstein halted the mill in the eleventh round.

A weary, bloody La Starza nodded assent as the third man in the ring grasped him about the body indicating the end of the show. He had put forth a great front to his merciless, dynamite-fisted opponent whose blows made him shudder during four and a third rounds preceding the finish. Yet as he stood in the ring surrounded by his seconds who were leading him to his corner, the applause for him for his courageous stand against odds were drowned by the vociferous shouts of those who were applauding the winner.

It has ever been thus. Whether in baseball, hockey, track and field or any other sport, the loser is invariably forgotten. No cheers, no huzzahs for him.

He usually is the forgotten man in sports competition. Yet every winner needs a loser, for without him, there would be no winner. Without both there would be no contest, no victory, no honors, no awards and no acclaim.

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In the index files of a Hollywood motion picture studio is the card of a loser, a rejectee. It reads, "Aging, Slightly bald. Can't act. Can dance a little". The card is titled "Fred Astaire."

In New York a mother remarked, "My son Paulie is handicapped. He is deaf and, as a result, almost dumb. That is why he cannot take part in athletics like other boys. They leave him behind."

"They," however, did not leave Paulie too far behind. He became lightheavyweight boxing champion of the world. Prior to that he had won both the national amateur titles in both wrestling and boxing as a lightheavyweight. Lad named Paul Berlenbach.

Similarly, a young boy in Hegewisch, Ill. broke his left elbow while playing circus. Insufficient medical attention available for poor people, foreign born, could probably be blamed for the fact that the lad's elbow healed "frozen." No mobility in it. That lad, too, took up boxing. He became the greatest long distance pugilist the world has ever known, his chief stock in trade a blow he called "the left half scissors to the liver," adding, "I thank the Lord for this broken elbow." Fellow named Battling Nelson, world's lightweight champion.

Back in the '20's U. S. destroyers in Turkish waters staged a minstrel show for the benefit of burned out citizens of Smyrna, Turkey. Remarked the Lieutenant Commander in

charge of production, "That red headed banjo player on the end tries so hard that we'll keep him in the show. He's excess baggage and not a good performer. We'll keep him on only because he tries so hard." The fellow kept on trying. As radio came into being he hooked on their but failed on his first attempt to crash radio in New York. He tried some more. That "red headed banjo player on the end" did not do badly for a loser. Fellow named Arthur Godfrey.

An old fashioned stove exploded in a house in Kansas. A young fellow sitting nearby was so badly burned he was not expected to walk again. He walked. He bought a little wagon and pushed it so he would restore mobility to his legs, badly scarred from waist to toe. Twice Olympic champion he was America's greatest all-time miler. Lad named Glenn Cunningham.

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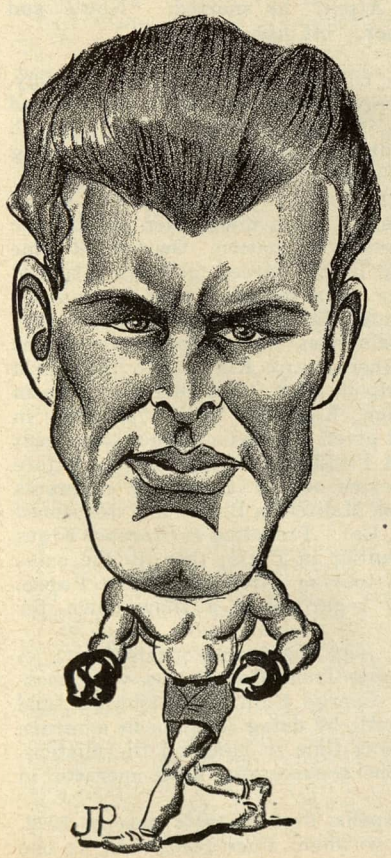
In the 8th Marines in World War I the fellows used to laugh at a big, awkward kid who announced that he was destined for a world's boxing title. They laughed some more when he signed up for the AEF championships. Some how, however, he won in that field. Turning pro he was tossed out of the ring in Philadelphia in a bout so poor it was called "no contest." He boxed a preliminary on the Dempsey-Carpentier card and was convincingly unimpressive. But he kept on trying. A middleweight, much smaller than our Marine, beat him so badly he became nauseated in the ring. However, he didn't know how to quit. His medical advisors told him his hands were too small, brittle and breakable. He hied himself to the Maine woods and swung an axe. He emerged with hands like hams and weighing over 200. He won the world's light-heavyweight title. Quite an accomplishment but dwarfed by the fact that he later retired as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, twice winner over Jack Dempsey. The sports world knew him as Gene Tunney.

Newton, Massachusetts, is very proud these days of having given the United States another world champion. Thereby hangs the story of a little eleven year old girl who took up ice skating after an attack of polio. Muscular stiffness and weakness indicated the need for exercise. The consistent practice in that sport did not keep her from gaining straight "A's" at Manter Hall Prep School in Cambridge. She plans to enter Radcliffe College (pre-medicine). The world of sports hails her as the 17 year old who came back from the Swiss Alps and top international competition as the first American girl to have ever won a world figure skating championship. She is beautiful little Tenley Albright, her life a vivid example of the bright red badge of courage.



Gene Tunney was convincingly unimpressive as a young pro but he was determined to win the world heavyweight title—and did.

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In the U. S. Fleet a would-be boxer named Josef Paul Cuckoshay, U.S.S. Denver, tried three times to win the fleet heavyweight title. He bowed out each time in bouts against a pudgy ship's baker named Crowley. Josef Paul Cuckoshay could not win a Fleet title. But he kept on trying. The record books list him as Jack Sharkey, world's heavyweight boxing champion.

Back in 1889 the Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks at Mare Island, Cal. restricted Corporal George Blais to the barracks to keep him from being slaughtered in a boxing bout against the world's middleweight champion. Corporal Blais "jumped ship" and kept the date to meet the world champion. After taking a big league beating for 32 long rounds, the Corporal landed to knock out the champion, "The Nonpareil", the original Jack Dempsey, middleweight champion of the world. Corporal Blais became the first Service man to ever win a world title. His ring name was George LeBlanche. We have often wondered whether the C. O. at Mare Island cancelled that "jumping ship" charge against Corporal Blais, a guy who did not know how to quit.

If you fail to win in one field you may make it in another. An all night waiter in "Coffee Dan's" in San Francisco wanted to be a boxer. He was knocked out in a round. A young fellow who wrote a little also tried it and was similarly flattened in a few seconds. The first fellow became quite an entertainer, the other quite a writer. Their names? Al Jolson and Jack London.

"I have a very promising young sparring partner", remarked World's Heavyweight Champion James J. Corbett. After the young sparring partner had boxed with Corbett newspaper experts commented, "That big, awkward kid will never amount to anything in boxing in a million years." The sparring partner turned out to be the greatest of all heavyweight champions, the late James J. Jeffries.

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In World War I a young French boxer joined the Army as soon as he had reached the age enabling him to do so. Because he was in an infantry combat outfit he did not box in the years 1915-1916. His boxing days were over in most any man's book when he pulled up with most of his lower jaw shot away. The miracle of medical science, however, equipped him with a substitute jaw bone made from the bone of a sheep. The jawbone! That's where the punches land. Do not write the young soldier off. He became world's featherweight champion. Young Frenchman named Eugene Criqui.

How about golfer Ben Hogan? Smashed up in an auto accident. He'd never walk again, it was said and certainly his golfing days were over. Yet he went on to win further championships as a top notch performer. Courage, like gold and diamonds, is where you find it.

Afflicted by polio from her second to her ninth birthdays a little girl in Tennessee decided, nonetheless, to be a singer. Her city and her state, rated her tops as such. Later, so did and does the stage, screen, radio and TV. You know her as Dinah Shore.

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When you don't feel so good it is good to remember that many great things in this world were accomplished

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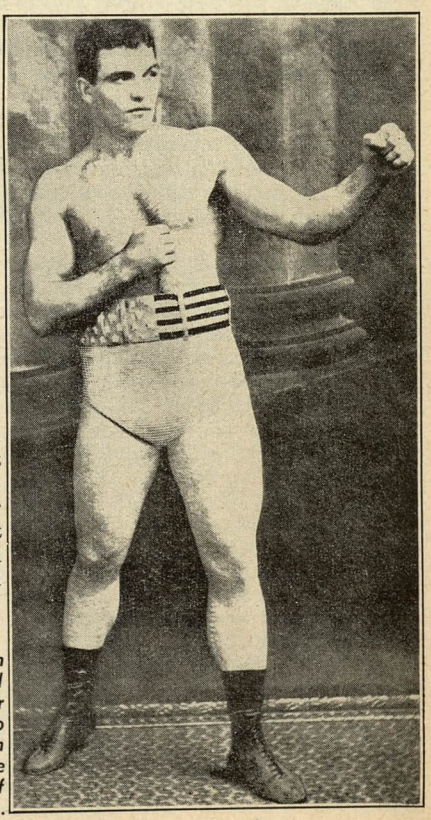


Experts said that Jim Corbett's big, awkward kid sparring partner would never amount to anything in boxing. Jim Jeffries turned out to be one of the greatest of heavyweight champions.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

TOP Line ring talent, not only in the United States, but throughout the world, may not be too abundant these days, but there certainly can be no complaint to register against the activity of the champions.

The recent stretch, in which six world titles were staked within two months—in slightly more than seven weeks, to be exact—represented the liveliest spell of industry displayed by champions in sixteen years!

Crowded into two months of that 1937 campaign were no less than eight title bouts, and every division, excepting the light-heavyweight, was involved. Six of the matches were held here in New York, one in South Africa, and the other in Scotland.

The excitement began August 30 when the brand-new heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, sucessfully defended his laurels against the Welsh visitor, Tommy Farr, in the Yankee Stadium.

The scene shifted September 4 to far-off Johannesburg and the unusual attraction of two touring Americans battling it out on alien soil for a world title. Petey Sarron decisioned Freddie Miller to lift the latter's featherweight crown.

Then came one of the most remarkable extravaganzas in boxing history, the "Carnival of Champions" promoted September 23 by Mike Jacobs in the Polo Grounds. Four title matches were on that elaborate bill, Harry Jeffra outpointing Sixto Escobar in a bantam bout; Lou Ambers whipping Pedro Montanez in a lightweight tilt; Barney Ross trimming Ceferino Garcia in a welterweight scramble, and Fred Apostoli stopping Marcel Thil in a middleweight showdown.

Glasgow was the site of the next offering, on October 13, Benny Lynch polishing off Peter Kane to take the flyweight laurels.

The busy stretch ended on October 29 when Mike Jacobs moved his base of operations into Madison Square Garden and his inaugural attraction saw Henry Armstrong win the first of three world championships by stopping Petey Sarron and relieving him of the featherweight title.

A YOUNG Scottish heavyweight, incensed at losing a decision, hauled off and slugged the referee in a Glasgow ring, and the incident was considered newsworthy enough to warrant a special dispatch by a world-wide press service.

Cases of referees getting belted, intentionally or accidentally, by fighters are not exactly rare in this trade. We recall scores of such episodes. It was only a few months ago, in Vienna, that an Austrian light-heavy didn't like the way his bout was being handled and vented his displeasure by flattening the referee. Then, there was the time in Newark, N. J., that Laurie Buxton and Mike DeCosmo didn't hear the final bell and were swinging away merrily at each other when the referee, Joe Walker, brother of Mickey's, stepped in to halt hostilities. Joe ran into a wild punch and was spread out, unconscious, on the canvas.

Few fighters have more abundant supplies of anecdotes that Abe Attell, former featherweight champion, and one of the ring's all-time greats. One of Abe's favorite tales is of the time he boxed Willie Beecher, rugged East Side lightweight, on a sweltering midsummer night in Arverne, out on Long Island. It was back in 1913, when the veteran was winding up his long, colorful career.

In that no-decision era, it was no unusual thing for top fighters to "go along" with their opponents. This was one of those occasions. As Abe himself tells it, the weather was hot, the crowd scarce, and he couldn't see the sense in working too hard. He and Beecher decided to stage a nice, clever exhibition, with nobody getting hurt.

The clients, however, weren't satisfied with developments. In the third round they began to yell for action. By the fourth they were howling for the referee, Charley Draycott, to "throw the bums out."

Draycott exhorted Attell to "come on and fight." Abe did speed up a bit, but the fans and Draycott still weren't satisfied. Charley continued to demand more action, but it was on Attell that he centered his attention. He ignored Beecher, as though Willie was an innocent party. "Throw some punches, Attell," he'd say. Or "Show some life, Attell." . . . "Snap out of it and get going, Attell." . . . "Let's see some punching, Attell."

By the seventh round, the usually imperturbable Abe had become annoyed by the referee's constant nagging. He decided to do something about it. In a clinch, he whispered to Beecher: "When we break, step back fast. I'm going to let one go."

As Beecher moved away, Attell fired a right. It missed Willie's chin, as it was meant to, and thudded into Draycott's face. Down went Charley, sitting on the canvas, blood spouting from his nose.

Clambering to his feet, Draycott pulled a handkerchief from his pocket, wiped his gory features, and glared at the former featherweight champion.

"That's more like it, Attell," he snorted. "Now," and he nodded toward Beecher, "hit *him* with one!"

THE ranks of Boxing's Old Guard are thinning rapidly. The latest to go, George Engel, was 78 when he died recently in Los Angeles. George had been in poor health for several years, and only a week or so before his passing had undergone amputation of a leg.

A native of Pittsburgh, Engel was a prominent figure in the ring doings of his old home town when it was one of the liveliest fistic centers in the nation. George did some professional boxing early in his career, and later turned to promoting, but it was as a manager that he reached the top brackets in the trade. In his long, busy span, George handled scores of good ringmen, and he maneuvered one of them, fellow-Pittsburgher Frank Klaus, into the world middleweight championship in 1913. The title had been in dispute following Stanley Ketchel's tragic passing in 1910, and Klaus, who had given Ketchel a rugged argument in a no-decision brawl in Pittsburgh a few months before the champion's death, became one of its leading claimants when he knocked out Frank Mantell in Boston and decisioned Jack Dillon in Daly City, Cal. Traveling to Europe, Klaus eliminated Georges Carpentier in Paris; then, in the same ring, won from another touring American, Billy Papke, in what was universally regarded as a show down for the vacant laurels.

Frank, however, didn't hold the championship long. A few months after returning from Europe, he was unexpectedly knocked out by George Chip in Pittsburgh, and when Chip made it authentic by doing it again in a return match, Klaus figured it was time to hang up the mittens. He left the ring to become a successful hotel operator in Pittsburgh.

For a couple of brief spells, first in 1915, then in 1922, Engel handled another townsman, since recognized as one

of the ring's all-time greats—Harry Greb.

When Billy Gibson became manager of Gene Tunney in 1923, he arranged for Engel to look after the Greenwich Villager for him. George had much to do with Tunney's successful drive to the heavyweight title, but he wasn't around when Gene finally achieved his ambition. Conflicting temperaments, which had produced frequent squabbling between them, resulted in a definite break when Tunney began training for the 1926 match with Jack Dempsey in Philadelphia. Championship or no championship, Engel refused to put up any longer with what he called Gene's high-and-mighty airs and irritating self-assurance. Despite Gibson's pleas, George packed his duds and departed from camp.

It was a few years later that Engel moved out to California. Though not as active as he had been, George continued to dabble in boxing and, until his health began to fail, he kept himself in circulation by handling an occasional fighter.

A REAL BARGAIN. . . . One of the finest publications of its kind, and a positive "must" for every boxing fan, is The Ring's special "TV-Fights" issue, slated to hit the newsstands about the first of February. It's a terrific job, and the entire staff of The Ring is justly proud of it. Nearly double the size of The Ring, with half of its 96 pages in color, "TV-Fights" is loaded with photographs and biographies of scores of leading ringmen; pictures and stories of top television announcers, and interesting facts, figures and features on world-wide boxing and its tie-up with TV. The book will sell for 50¢, but because of the limited printing order it is suggested that, instead of waiting for it to reach the stands, you can assure yourself of your copy by ordering in advance from The Ring office, Madison Square Garden, New York City. There is no extra charge for mailing.

SHORT JOLTS. . . . Maybe there's a reason for it we haven't heard, but it's pathetic that the relic of a once fine fighting machine like ex-lightweight champion Ike Williams continues to stumble around the landscape, picking up nickels and dimes for getting belted by opponents who couldn't have carried his luggage for him in his prime. Williams, a hard-fisted business man, grabbed himself plenty of cash during his peak years in the ring, and was reported to have invested it wisely. Ike never was noted as a spendthrift, and he should be a wealthy man today. Yet he inisists on fighting, or trying to. We wouldn't know what sort of a paycheck he collected for getting smacked around by young Jed Black in Fort Wayne recently, but we do know that continued lickings aren't doing Ike any good physically or mentally.

Earl Walls still has a tremendous hold on the sports-minded citizens of Edmonton. The gate was $32,000 for the Canadian heavyweight champion's two-round knockout of Joe Kahut recently.

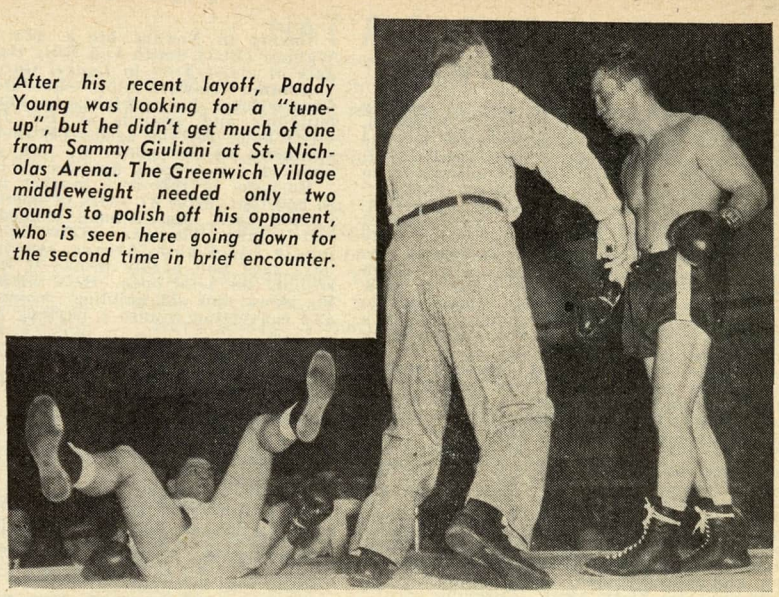
With promoters wailing about the paucity of talent these days, it's difficult to understand why the "bars" are up against Gene Jones, the Philadelphia heavyweight, who certainly rates his chance to break into the so-called Big Time. Maybe the "right" clique isn't handling him.

Love note from our boy friend, Bill Miller, who reports California doings for The Ring: "I'll admit I have a lot of background, but it's taken me years to cultivate, and not entirely by sitting on it. My life is an open book, though some of the pages may be missing, and others slightly mussed. Be careful what you write about me in the future. I'll have the law after you, and I can get it cheap —my son's an attorney."

Suddenly professing to be worried about the plight of the "small" clubs, the International Boxing Guild is trying to figure ways to get a couple of the local ones, particularly Ridgewood Grove and White Plains County Center, back into service. There's nothing like locking the stable doors after the horse is stolen. The damage has been done, and we doubt that anything can undo it now.

THE month's results:

Meeting up with much stiffer opposition than had been generally expected, Lulu Perez, 127½, Brooklyn, had to fight his way out of several rough spots before he finally polished off Joey Cam, 128½, Boston, at 48 seconds of the eighth at St. Nicholas Arena. The crude but aggressive Cam carried the fight to Perez from the start, and bounced frequent rights off the Brooklynite's chin. He had Perez rocking in the third, but Lulu came back with a right to the jaw that dropped Cam to one knee. The Bostonian continued to force the action, but Perez's fast two-handed combinations eventually paid off. At the start of the eighth, Cam was staggered by a right to the chin and a left to the body. As he reeled back, Perez ripped into him with both fists blasting away. A right to the jaw sent Joey tumbling for the count. Johnny Digilio, 141, Bayonne, hustled his way to a decision over lanky Henry Winchman, 141, East Side, in the semi-final eight. Dave Carillo, 129½, East Side, won from Bob Gory, 127½, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in six. In fours, Frederico Escalero, 138½, Puerto Rico, whipped Dave Zimmerman, 137½, Washington, D. C.; Joe Weinbrecht, 191, Yorkville, beat Carl Kuhlemeier, 191, Brooklyn, and Filberto Osario, 126, Puerto Rico, decisioned George Seabrook, 126½, Bronx.



After his recent layoff, Paddy Young was looking for a "tune-up", but he didn't get much of one from Sammy Giuliani at St. Nicholas Arena. The Greenwich Village middleweight needed only two rounds to polish off his opponent, who is seen here going down for the second time in brief encounter.

In running off his eighth straight win as a pro, 19-year-old Floyd Patterson, 166½, Brooklyn's 1952 Olympic star, had to overcome not only a 9¼-pound deficit in weight but considerable ring experience in edging out Wes Bascom, 175¾, St. Louis, in a lively though not particularly exciting eight at Eastern Parkway. The best opponent Patterson had yet faced, Bascom made things rough at times for the youngster. He buckled Floyd's knees with a right to the body in the first, ripped a cut on the left eyelid in the second, started the claret trickling from the nose in the third, and staggered him with a left-right to the jaw in the seventh. But Patterson fought back well, using his speed and effective two-handed combinations to pile up the points. Floyd staggered Bascom in the fifth, again in the sixth and had the St. Louisian in real trouble for a few moments in the seventh. Harry Smith, 128, Brooklyn, edged out Jimmy DeMura, 129, Syracuse, N. Y.., in the semi-final six. Austin Jones, 172¾, Philadelphia, decisioned Elmo Lincoln, 171, Newark, in another six. In fours, Artie Thelemaque, 149¼, St. Albans, won from Gerald Fraser, 154¼, Halifax, N. S.; Ray Drake, 155, Far Rockaway, whipped Sanford Bulla, 154¾, Harlem, and Sal Calabro, 143¾, East Side, drew with Eddie Washburn, 147¼, Lawton, Okla.

The Olson-Turpin affair may not have earned rating among the ring's all-time classics, but in this TV era of dwindling attendances and gate receipts it established a couple of interesting marks for Madison Square Garden. The 18,869 clients represented the biggest fight crowd in four and a half years—since the 19,007 reported for the second Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler episode on February 11, 1949 —and the $167,751 was the healthiest box-office total in nearly six years—since the $216,497 taken in for the first Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott meeting on December 5, 1947. Of the bouts supporting Olson and Turpin, the best was a six in which Tony Anthony, 157, Harlem, edged out Eddie Dixon, 166, Newark. It was fought at a fast pace throughout, and featured frequent exchanges. Anthony's longer reach and snappy two-handed combinations generally gave him the better of the milling. Though he tired badly toward the finish, Jackie Turpin, 129, brother of Randy's, was a clear winner over Joe Paniagua, 129, Bronx, in another six. Joe Arthur, 166, Indianapolis, drew with Irwin Schulz, 164, Yorkville, in a third six. In one four, Iggy Zotto, 147½, Brooklyn, whipped Lou Bombiani, 146, East Side, and in another, staged as a "walkout" number after the main event, Wes Echols, 160½, Atwater, Cal., posted the only knockout of the night by flattening Frankie Alotta, 156¾, Allentown, Pa., at 2:16 of the first.

Two nights after Turpin and Olson packed them in, boxing in Madison Square Garden returned to normal when a few curious sightseers dropped in to see Garth Panter, 159, Salt Lake City, maul his way to a split decision over Pierre Langlois, 157¾, France, in a sloppy ten. The turnout was so sparse, no official figures were released, but a generous estimate placed the attendance at 1,000 and the gross gate at or about $4,000. The main event was a crude tugging and hauling affair, marred by frequent clinches and clumsy swinging. Maurice Harper, 148, San Francisco, scored knockdowns in the first and fifth in beating Clarence Sampson, 147½, Panama, in the semi-final eight. Jay Anderson, 148, Philadelphia, won from Larry Baker, 147, Mount Vernon, in six. In fours, Rinzy Nocero, 159½, Bronx, outpointed Angelo Urgantano, 160½, East Side, and Johnny Neubauer, 221½, Astoria, halted Jack Taylor, 211½, Newark, at 2:52 of the first. Another scheduled four, staged after the main event, produced one of the fastest kayos in Garden history. Including the count, it lasted 39 seconds. Earl Dennis, 140, Wilmington, Del., polishing off Walter Johnson, 135, Patterson.

The middleweight carnival in metropolitan rings continued at Eastern Parkway, where Joe Giardello, 158½, Philadelphia, outlasted Walter Cartier, 160, Greenwich Village, in a bruising ten. It was a hard-fought affair, with both boys absorbing lusty punishment, but Giardello proved the better stayer and clinched the verdict in the closing rounds. The ninth was a particularly rough session for Cartier, who was staggered by a left-right combination and sent reeling to the ropes. As he came off the hempen strands, Walter's legs buckled under him and he sagged to one knee on the canvas. Referee Petey Scalzo, however, called it a slip, not a knockdown. A few seconds later, a right ripped a gaping three-inch gash above Cartier's left eye and started the gore streaming down his face. Walter bled freely and was near exhaustion in the tenth, but Giardello was pretty tired himself by then and couldn't do much about it. In sixes, Joe Rowan, 174½, Phoenixville, Pa., whipped Jimmy McMillan, 175, Newark, and Vince Calderone, 125, Brooklyn, decisioned Tony Amabile, 131, Bronx. In fours, Jimmy Moulton, 134, Yorkville, won from Bobby Dufour, 132, Montreal; Eddie Washburn, 148, Lawton, Okla., stopped Lou Beaudro, 148, Coney Island, at 2:10 of the first, and Cleo Ortiz, 118, Puerto Rico, kayoed Gene Donaldson, 120½, Lakewood, N. J., at 2:55 of the first.

An excellent cure for insomnia was offered by two alleged headliners, Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 130½, Hartford, and George Araujo, 133½, Providence, who accounted for the dreariest main event seen in Madison Square Garden in a long time. At the end of ten dismal rounds, the officials decided on the lesser of two evils, and declared Davis the winner. The veteran Red Top at least made a pretense of fighting, but received little cooperation from Araujo, who spent most of the time in monotonous shadow-boxing and aimless back-pedaling. Again, the I. B. C. failed to disclose figures for attendance and recepts, but the turnout was considerably better than the previous week's, with the customers estimated at 1,600 and the gross about $6,500. Action missing in the main event was particularly supplied in two other tens, both lively affairs. In one, Brian Kelly, 138, Niagara Falls, Ont., hustled his way to a decision over Richie Crump, 139¾, Bronx, and in the other Sauveur Chiocca, 143¾, France, celebrated his American debut by outfighting Danny Jo Perez, 140¼, West Side. In fours, Johnny Hoye, 213, Bronx, polished off a

borough rival, Bill Coffey, 196½, at 2:24 of the first, and Elmo Lincoln, 171½, Newark, drew with Johnny Jenkins, 174, Harlem.

Matching his rapid rise with an equally rapid fall, Danny Giovanelli, 147½, Brooklyn, suffered a disastrous setback when he was halted by free-punching Rocky Casillo, 147, Blue Island, Ill., with only 23 seconds to go in their scheduled ten at Eastern Parkway. It was the first time in 26 bouts that Giovanelli had been knocked out. The youthful Brooklynite looked well enough in the early rounds, and nearly finished Casillo in the second. Rocky, however, survived the rough going and his lusty swings began to slow Danny down at the half-way mark. Casillo ripped open a nasty gash above Giovanelli's right eye in the sixth, floored him twice in the eighth, and dropped him again in the tenth. The Brooklynite was stumbling around on rubbery legs when Referee Barney Felix stepped in and called a halt. A Casillo stablemate, Nino (King) Solomon, 162¾, Chicago, slam-banged his way to a decision over Bob Provizzi, 157, Corona, in the semi-final six. Unbeaten Ray Drake, 156, Far Rockaway, posted his seventh straight win as a pro by whipping Tommy D'Attilo, 155¼, New Rochelle, in another six. In fours, Art Thelemacque, 145, St. Albans, won from Carmine DeVito, 144¾, East Side; Andy Taddy, 146½, Bronx, whipped Walter Kapa, 143½, Brooklyn, and Gerald Frazer, 152¾, Halifax, N. S., outfought Joe Lizzy, 148¾, Yorkville.

In what was supposed to be a "tune-up" for him, after his recent layoff, but turned out to be a brief personal appearance before a few cash customers and millions of the nation's TViewers, Paddy Young, 161, Greenwich Village, demolished Sammy Giuliani, 161, Stamford, Conn., in less than two full rounds at St. Nicholas Arena. For a round and a half Young seemed slow and sluggish and permitted Giuliani, with his crude, aggressive slugging, to climb all over him. Sammy reopened an old cut above Paddy's right eye, and it apparently snapped the Villager out of his lethargy. He fired a right and down went Giuliani. Sammy was wobbly when he got to his feet, and Young promptly dropped him again, this time with a left swing. Once more the Nutmeg Stater staggered up, but he was so far gone Referee Al Berl intervened with six seconds of the round remaining. Ike Chestnut, 126, Harlem, drew with Al Tisi, 122, East Side, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Harry Smith, 128, Brooklyn, drew with Jimmy DiMura, 130, Rochester, and Tommy Roberts, 136½, Harlem, stopped Frederico Escalero, 137, Puerto Rico, at 2:03 of the fifth. In fours, Art Thelemacque, 146, St. Albans, won from Lou Bombiani, 146, Cambridge, Mass., and Curtis Bruce, 158½, Newark, won from a fellow-townsman, Tim Jones, 160½.

A large load of Argentine blubber entitled Edgardo Jose Romero discovered that too much weight can be a handicap instead of a help, and when he tired from toting around 230 pounds of himself, he lost a decision to crude but willing James J. Parker, 206, Barrie, Ont., in a sloppy ten that had the customers yawning at Eastern Parkway. For six rounds, Romero did all right for himself. Fairly agile for one of his size, the Argentino used switch-hitting tactics that befuddled the lighter but taller Parker. Romero had no trouble scoring with left hooks to the Canadian's head and body, but his punches lacked power to put James J. down. The South American tired in the closing rounds, more from his own efforts than from anything his opponent did and the bout degenerated into a messy tugging and hauling affair, with Parker finishing strong enough to grab the verdict. Jack LaBua, 149, East Meadows, outslugged Don Braun, 147, Baltimore, in the semi-final eight. Bobby Moore, 162, Newark, was a bit too shifty for Gary Garafola, 169, Jersey City, in six. In fours, Johnny Hoye, 210, outpointed a rival Bronxite, Carl Kuhlmeier, 194½; Gerald Fraser, 149, Halifax, N. S., won from Benny Hernandez, 144, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Moulton, 135, Yorkville, stopped Tommy Villa, 134, Puerto Rico, at 2:41 of the second.

ADDENDA. . . . If the press agents have their way, it will be quite a spell before Carl (Bobo) Olson finds it necessary to apply for unemployment insurance. Seems that any time a middleweight—any middleweight—is booked for a fight these nights, he's assured a title match with the new champion if he wins. Less than three weeks after he whipped Randy Turpin in Madison Square Garden, Carl had been "matched"—by the publicists, of course—with five guys who had "earned" cracks at his laurels. Reading from left to right, they were Ernie Durando, Joe Giardello, Rocky Castellani, Paddy Young and Willie Troy. When Olson is ready to resume operations, a round-up of all the opponents the tub-thumpers will have collected by then should resemble a mob scene in Grand Central Terminal during rush hour.

Boxing in Newark hit a new low when Wallace (Bud) Smith and Billy Hazel drew a gate of about $100 in Laurel Garden.

Another Newark note—Freddie Fiducia, former local heavyweight, is supervisor of buildings and grounds at Ivy Haven, the city's home for the aged. (If there are any vacancies at the place, we can recommend some of our current fighters as tenants.)

Business in this sock market has become so bad that, after 37 years of operating gyms in New York, Lou Stillman is about ready to call it quits. There are so few fighters training in his Eighth Avenue sweatshop these days that Lou hardly thinks it worth while keeping the joint open. He's talking of tearing down the old building, which he owns, and converting it into a parking lot.

TOUGHEST—NICE GUY

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clamped down on you because you were under age.

So you headed for San Francisco and took up where you had left off, having seven bouts, winning six within the distance and one by decision. But you were too good for your own good. You aroused interest and they started checking on you. You were still under eighteen, so your license was taken away.

You worked your way back to Honolulu as a seaman. Back home and back to Helen Dolores Govaco, a little girl you had gone to school with. She was then an acrobat with the E. K. Fernandez Circus.

A week after you turned eighteen you married Helen and returned to the ring. Nothing could stop you now. But the money wasn't around and things were tough. You hammered out four more kayoes but the dough wasn't coming in. You went to live with your wife's twin brother, Frank, and your son, Carl, Jr., was born.

The next few years saw you win a lot of fights, over a lot of pretty good scrappers too. But the important money hadn't come to you yet for you were fighting mainly in the Islands. Guys like Boy Brooks, Anton Raadik, Earl Turner, Don Lee, Otis Graham, Tommy Yarosz—you whipped them all. Brooks and George Duke got decisions over you but you beat them in returns.

Dave Sands of Australia, the British Empire middleweight champion, dropped you in the first round of your bout with him on March 20, 1950, at Sydney. It was the first time anyone had ever floored you in a ring. But you fought back gamely and he won a twelve round decision. It was no disgrace losing to Sands.

The only other loss you've ever sustained in the ring (aside from the two to Ray Robinson) was also against Sands, this time in Chicago on October 3, 1951. He won the decision but was hanging on desperately in the tenth and had it gone another round you might have hung the finisher on his unprotected jaw.

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Possibly your greatest break came when Ray Robinson decided to hang up his gloves late in 1952. You know you would have beaten him if given a chance again—but you had had two shots at Robby and it was doubtful if you would have received a third. So Robby retired and the field was wide open. There was Randy Turpin, Charley Humez, Paddy Young, a host of others—and you.

Your manager—Syd Flaherty—played it wisely. He jockeyed for position and advantage but that was all secondary to you. This was your chance and you'd fight the entire field if necessary.

You wound up doing a neat job on Paddy Young at Madison Square Garden last June 19 in a fifteen rounder that was billed as being for the American title. Ten days previously Turpin had licked Humez to enter as your European opponent for the vacant world crown.

Your worries and your turbulent youth are all behind you now. You own a couple of cars and a couple of homes in San Francisco's Sunset District. You've tucked your money safely away. Your a happy man with your wife and four children, Carl, Jr., 7; Vincent, 5; Brenda Lee, 3 and Arthur Donald, five months. Your young. You're the champ. You own the world!

You cried when they raised your hand in victory at the Garden on October 21 and a voice was saying that you were the new world middleweight champion. Everyone thought they were tears of victory—weeping with joy because you had won the great battle. In a way, yes—but the Turpin fight wasn't THE great battle.

You knew all along you could beat him. Your great battle started in the back alleys of Honolulu and hurdled too many stumbling blocks, too many tough fights, too many heartbreaks. And in the end you won!

You're a tough guy to write a fight story about, Bobo. Because outside the ring you're soft-spoken, mild-mannered and shy. As colorless as water, they say. In it, you're calm, cool and efficient, without a flair for the dramatic. You just win. But it wasn't always that easy, Bobo, was it?

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

LIGHTWEIGHT BOBBY WHY, a newcomer to the Islands from Ios Angeles, scored a sensational knockout over Aladino Gusman, 137¾, in the first round of a main event held at the Civic Auditorium. The end came after Why, 134½ had scored four knockdowns, the first three for eight counts. The last time Gusman went down he was seemingly out cold for at least the first six or seven counts. Referee Louis Freitas wisely intervened and stopped the fight as Gusman's second tossed in the towel.

The blow which fell the Hawaii fighter for the first time appeared like no more than a light left to the jaw. He came up after taking an automatic eight count. A moment later Gusman went down for the second time from another light tap. This time he stayed down for eight counts. The same pattern was repeated once more before Gusman was decked for the fourth and final time to be counted out.

The fight was promoted by Ralph Yempuku and it drew 3,021 fans who paid $4,262.50.

Reno Abellira, 149½, scored a stunning TKO win over Richard Choi, 147¾, in the second round. Abellira, who has always been known as wild swinger, showed exceptional poise and punching power in disposing of his rugged foe and proved that he is ready for tougher opponents.

Randolph Kim Seu, 135½, won a close decision over Josiah Lii, 132½, in a six round fight. Rudolph Arguyo, 116, had no trouble beating Ernest Sylva, 119, in a four rounder. Augustine Cantiberos, 134, gained the nod over Kid Mathews, 132, in the four round opener.

MICHIGAN WILDCAT

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That apparently had taught Ad a lesson for thereafter, until he lost the world championship on a foul to Ritchie, he didn't lose another battle though he did engage in several draws and many no-decision contests in most of which he had the upper hand.

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The story of the birth of Wolgast is confusing. Though Cadillac, Michigan has always been named as his birthplace and he has been listed as being of German-American extraction, that is not how the records of the hospitals to which he was confined have it. When Ad was sent to the Patton State Hospital by his friend, Jack Doyle, the registry shows that he gave his name as Jim Iso. He declared that was his real name and Ad Wolgast was his adopted name. He told the hospital clerks that he was born on February 8, 1890 in Italy, came to the United States at an early age and was adopted by a family named WOLOGAST.

When he was transferred to the Camarillo State Hospital, the Patton Hospital record was sent to the former institution. There he is listed as Vincenzo Iso and as Jim Iso, born in Italy, with a notation added that he also is known as Adolph WOLGAST.

In a letter received from the Registrar of the Camarillo Hospital in 1943, Dr. Thomas W. Hagerty wrote:

"It appears that the information we have on Wolgast was obtained from the patient himself and after he was suffering from a mental illness so that the reliability of the information is very questionable. Ad still insists, however, that this information is true. He declares that his real name is Jim Iso and that he was born in Italy.

"Two years ago we had a letter from the Veterans' Administration at Camp Custer, Michigan, inquiring in regard to Ad, the information being wanted for his brother John C. Wolgast who was a patient at that facility. Wolgast's brother John, was also a boxer. His brother Alfred is living in Cadillac, Michigan, the city that is generally given as Ad's birthplace.

Our records show that Wolgast is listed as James Iso, born in Venice, Italy, February 8, 1890, but the record books have him born on February 8, 1888 in Cadillac, Michigan. He has a third brother, Alfred, also a former fighter, who is now living in San Diego, Cal."

When Tom Jones, his manager was informed about the confusion, he wrote:

"Adolph Wolgast is the correct name of the former champion. I know that he was born in Cadillac, Mich., February 8, 1888. His father was a cigar maker and both his parents were 100 percent Germans. They spelled their name without the extra 'O'. Wolgast frequently got peculiar ideas in his head. In one case, his wife's name was Mildred and he always called her Mike and told everybody that was her real name. I am positive regarding his birth date and place and parentage because I lived in Cadillac while managing him and know his history. Pay no attention to the James Iso or Vincenzo Iso. I think the names were heard by him somewhere but I'm certain they are not his. He is the first German-American to win a world championship."

This is the first time this story of Ad's birth has been published and we give it to our readers for what they think it is worth. Your guess is as good as ours. His brothers when apprised of Ad's statement, denied his story.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS

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$25,000 is needed immediately to buy the land and the balance of $90,000 must be raised in one year. Through public contributions I hope we can get this sum for this. Our charter is registered with the Social Service of Los Angeles.

"While I was in the ring fighting, I needed my fans. Without them I never could have made the headway I did. Now I need them more than ever for the success of the Henry Armstrong Youth Foundation. Let me hear from those interested in my project."

Rev. Henry Armstrong's address is Box 1596, Beverly Hills, California.

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Socking a referee seems to be a new form of entertainment in Europe. Recently one was clouted on the jaw by an irate boxer who didn't like his decision in a bout in Austria and two weeks prior to that, another official was laid low by a punch on the jaw in Germany.

The latest on the "hit parade" was registered in Glasgow, Scotland, where Heavyweight Arthur Flynn lost two decisions in one night. First he dropped a three rounder to Ronnie Morrison, which displeased him to such extent that he chased Referee Robert Duff around the ring, caught up with him, let go his right and dropped his man.

The police then stepped in, arrested the belligerent battler and he lost another decision when he was fined by the court—"Two pounds or twenty days in jail," was the last verdict.

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The greatest and most colorful heavyweight since the retirement of Jack Dempsey, is Joe Louis. The Brown Bomber, who gave up his throne when he found no worthy opponents left to conquer, then made an unsuccessful comeback, has taken his place in ring history with the greats of all-time. His fighting qualities, his personality, his efforts to better his race, his work on behalf of the service men during World War Two—all are portrayed in "The Joe Louis Story", which covers two decades of the Brown Bomber's life.

The picture, a splendid boxing movie, takes Louis through his fabulous career which ended when Rocky Marciano stopped him in Madison Square Garden on October 26, 1951. Coley Wallace, a ringer for the Bomber, takes the part of Louis in all his activities. The picture is worth seeing, if you are a Louis or a boxing fan.

A new type mouthpiece has been invented by a dentist for a Texas football team. It is called "Featherbite," and it is claimed to be superior to any former mouthpiece. The device consists of a rubber guard that absorbs the force of a blow to the mouth. But the difference is on the inside, where there is a special core which becomes soft when heated in boiling water. To make it fit it is heated then pressed against the upper teeth. The inner core moulds around each tooth, making a complete personalized and permanent impression. This correct fit distributes the force of a blow by locking each tooth with elastic pressure. The Featherbite supposedly cannot be knocked out when it is needed most. To complete the individual fit, the inner rim is trimmed to allow the free movement of the tongue, and the wearer can talk and breathe freely while fighting.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

INDOOR wrestling returned to Town Hall, following an outdoor season, and attracted only 635 paying customers despite the presence of two of the country's top television stars in the featured event of Promoter Hank Stezar's three bout program.

In the featured attraction, Wladek "Killer" Kowalski, from Canada, defeated the Mighty Atlas in the best two out of three falls. Atlas, won the initial fall but Kowalski, a 275-pounder, came back in quick fashion to even the score.

Kowalski won the deciding fall when Atlas was disqualified when he refused to break a hold.

The curtain-raiser found Arnold Skoaland, 226, Sweden, winning over Warren Wood, New York. The time was 16 minutes.

Vincent Lopez scored a victory over Angelo Savoldi, Hoboken, N. J. Savoldi conceded the first fall after 16 minutes, but won the second with a "sleeper" hold. Lopez then took the third and deciding fall, much to the dislike of the crowd. The show the first of the indoor winter season grossed $950.16.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—In a effort to revive boxing in a smaller club, Promoters Bob Cullins and Ange Fusco put on their first show of the winter season, which attracted a crowd of 775 payees, and all in all was a good show. In the feature ten Gentleman Joe Taylor was making his comeback after an absence of more than two and a half years.

The pattern of the fight was a whirlwind start by Jimmy Hall, Buffalo, who dropped overhead rights on Taylor's head through the first two rounds. Joe began avoiding them by moving around and jabbing. The bout reached an early climax in the fifth round when Taylor landed a hard right on Hall's jaw. But the Buffalo lad poured it on and punched with both hands sending Taylor back into the ropes and hanging on.

This was Hall's best round and thereafter Taylor untracked himself and took command of the fight. Taylor began to throw punches with both hands in the ninth and the referee stopped the battle in 2:16, as Taylor again had Hall on the floor.

Jimmy DiMura, 133, Syracuse stopped Ray Powell, 131½, Pittsburgh, in 2:09 of the fourth round. Wes Lowery, 152, Saginaw, scored a TKO over Bruce Brewster, 151, Rochester, in 58 seconds of the second round. Bob Ashley, 154½, Massena, N. Y., knocked out Paul Gornick, 152¾, Allentown, Pa., in 2:30 of the first round. Arnold Green, 159, Rome, N. Y., decisioned Larry Busching, 155, Syracuse, in the opening four rounder.

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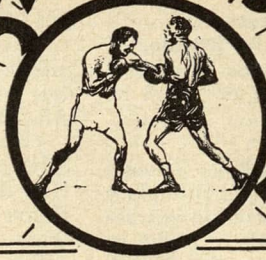

By BILL MILLER

RUGGED Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, 149, registered a unanimous 10-round triumph over Danny "Bang Bang" Womber, Chicago, 149, in a ding-dong battle at the Olympic Auditorium. It was a bitterly contested, bruising battle between two gents who wasted no time on style or fancy footwork.

A crowd of 6300 paid $14,173 to see the non-telecast scrap. And nobody asked for his money back. The card, top to bottom, was a scorcher.

It was Fuentes' 26th pro fight; or more accurately, the 26th fight of his career since he never boxed as an amateur. The victory, coming atop of Ramon's upset win over Art Aragon a few weeks ago, greatly enhanced the prestige and popularity of the former gravedigger.

By the way; that's no josh: Fuentes was formerly employed by Forest Lawn Cemetery as a grave-digger—"doubled in spades" you might say.

It was slam-bang, nip-and-tuck all the way, with Fuentes holding an edge throughout. Whatever doubt there may have been about the outcome was dispelled in the last round; Womber was wobbly in the tenth. He had taken some savage body wallops in the earlier rounds. In the 10th, Fuentes switched his attack to the head, and a looping left took the starch out of Danny's legs.

Referee Abe Roth and Judge Joe Stone turned in identical cards, 58-52; Judge Charley Randolph scored it 57-53.

Armando Muniz, 138½, decisioned Armando Lara, 144, in the six-round semi; no knockdowns, and a unanimous verdict.

The fours: Tony Maiorana, 122, won an unpopular decision over Kildo Martinez, 118½, in the best prelim of the night, and were rematched immediately; Don Grant, 170, racked up his ninth straight win at the expense of Henry Taylor, 172—TKO 3; Johnny Novella, 138, registered his fourth straight since returning from Korea by decision over Vince Davi, 143; and Frankie Cockrell, 142, TKO 2 over Benny Perez, 145½.

Ramon Tiscareno, 20-year old Juarez welterweight, scored the most impressive, though not the most important, knockout of '53 at the expense of Denver Joe Fisher, at the Olympic Auditorium.

It was Ramon's ninth fight in California, his eighth win. And it was the first time Fisher had ever been cooled for the full count; he had suffered stoppages before, but they were due to cuts and injuries.

Fisher had the edge in Round One; indeed, it seemed as though the boys who made Rugged Ramon 4-1 favorite were doomed to another disastrous evening. Round Two was only a few seconds old when Tiscareno connected with a left jab that brought up Fisher's chin in just the right position.

A roaring right-cross followed; it landed flush on Fisher's jaw. He seemed to spin half-way around, then dropped like a log, face-forward. Referee Joe Stone counted ten; he could have tolled ten times ten. Denver Joe was unable to get up.

This boy Tiscareno may never become a ring champion, but he's in a great way to acquire the parenthood title. Though he's only 20, he's the father of three kids. Married at 16, shortly after he won his first main event, Ramon was a father before he celebrated his 17th birthday. And now it's a case of "babies need three pairs of shoes" in the Tiscareno household.

Dave Rollins, 129½, a classy newcomer from Detroit, scored the unanimous six-round verdict over willing Leroy Richards, 126½, in the semi-final. How good was it? Well, the customers tossed money into the ring. If there's a better way to show approval, I never heard of it.

The fours: Johnny Novella, 143, scored his third straight kayo at the expense of Ray Fields, Oklahoma Indian, 141; Bob Albright, 208, decisioned Bob Sherman, 198; Frankie Cockrell, 139, dunked Richie Minjarez, 136; and Kenny Hanson, 155, another of Jackie McCoy's classy prospects, racked up a one-round knockout over Tommy Jenkins, 153.

At South Gate Arena, large Willie Bean, 213, successfully defended his California heavyweight title by knocking out Dave Whitlock, 184, San Francisco, in the third round.

Bean took the first round, Whitlock the second, but in Round Three, William really got down to business. A hard right to the jaw sent the San Franciscan to the canvas for a nine-count. He got to his feet, but it was an error in judgment; a moment later Bean laid him low with a left hook.

Referee Reggie Gillmore stopped the fight.

Gilberto Muniz, 135, Juarez, was knocked down in the first round of his fight with Joe Perez, 140; however, Muniz took the next five heats as well as the unanimous decision.

The fours: Vince Davi, 143, dec. Andy Maes, 146¼; George Jacquet, 118½, decisioned Paul Williams, 121; Ray Castro, 138½, KO 1 over Aaron Junior, 139; and Al Williams, 154, decisioned over Tony Morales, 155½.

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A Garrison finish enabled Rudy Garcia, 130¼, to garner the 10-round split verdict over shifty Auburn Copeland, 125¼, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium. How "split" it was you can judge for yourself:

Referee Charlie Randolph tabbed Copeland by 1 point; Judge Jimmy Wilson had Garcia in front by six; and Judge Jack McDonald saw Garcia the winner by five. The newspaper laddies varied in their scoring, but most of them agreed that Garcia rated the duke.

It was Copeland's fifth California fight, his first local setback. Incidentally, his full name is Auburn Copeland Blassingame, which is a lot of monaker for a little featherweight.

Auburn proved an elusive target, and adept at tying up his man when Rudy got rugged and rambunctious.

In the six-round semi, Armando Lara, 144½ (one known as Armando Goetters) pulled one out of the fire by stopping Henry Johnson, 142½, in Round Five. Lara is managed by Colonel Billy Gale—and that's not a Kentucky title, either. He's a full chicken colonel, retired because of physical ailments.

The fours: Tony Maiorana, 125, drew with Billy Evans, 125; Kenny Hanson, 156, decisioned Al Williams, 155; Jimmy Flynn, 145, duked Pancho Zepeda, 147, and Clyde Wagner, 140, outpointed Aaron Junior, 141.

At South Gate Arena, George Berry, 136½, made his debut as a California main eventer an auspicious occasion by scoring a 10th round TKO over southpaw Joey Gurrola, 141½. Cuts, the bane of Gurrola's career, proved his undoing. Berry, who hails from Gary, is managed by poular Arnie Hoffman, trained by Willie Joyce.

Buddy Evatt, 132, Jackie McCoy's talented lightie, chalked up his ninth straight win when he triumphed over Ramon Carillo, 131, in the six-round semi. The fours: Russ Gilliam, 156, decisioned over Boston Wilson, 152; Pete Gonzales, 157, decisioned Jimmy Robinson, 162; Billy Bullock, 147½, TKO 3 over Davey Forrest, 152.

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Another underdog upset the dope at the Olympic Auditorium when Oscar Reyes, the battling beautician, sent solidly-favored Lou Gage, undefeated San Francisco welter, to the showers at the end of round seven.

Reyes, 149, turned in the best fight of his career in wrecking the record of the former Olympic Games star; Gage, 149, was 2-1 choice, despite the fact that this was his first ten-spot.

It was Oscar's fifth straight win of '53, with no black marks this year. Oddly, all five of his victims hailed from the vicinity of the Golden Gate: Gage, Art Soto and Woody Winslow from San Francisco; Johnny Miller from Stockton, and Joey Gilmer from Vallejo. Three failed to go the route: Gage, Miller and Gilmer.

Both boys bled freely, Reyes from cuts over his left eye, Gage from a gashed and possibly broken nose.

Jimmy Ingram, 178, was dropped in the final heat of the six-round semi, but had piled up so many points in the earlier rounds that he got the duke over Baby Joe Walcott, nee Cleen Montgomery, 178½.

The fours: Buddy Evatt, 134½, Jackie McCoy's classy lightweight, racked up his 8th straight win when he stopped Rip Carter, 137¼, in the 4th; Ray Fields, 146, scored a 2-round TKO over Frank Cockrell, 146, who insisted he was thumbed; Al Williams, 155, battled a draw with Satchel Porter, 155; and Eddie Williams, 156, drew with Fred Hawkins, 162½.

AT South Gate, Vinnie De Carlo, 148½, fattened his prestige by scoring a 7th round TKO over Baby Ike, 148. It was De Carlo's third knockout in four local starts, and the Philadelphian has won himself a home in Southern Cal. It was even-Stephen, nip-and-tuck, until Vinnie found the range with a deadly left-hook in the 7th.

In the semi-final, Kirby Seals, 197, won a six-round split decision over Lonnie Malone, 178.

The fours: Pete Gonzalez, 156, KO 2 over Parry Cobb, 153½; Clyde Wagner, 140½, decisioned Andy Maes, 145½, Ray Castro, KO 3 over Don Cook, 137.

Up at Sacramento, Ramon Tiscareno, 141, who had scored six straight wins in California prior to dropping a duke to Mario (Twisto) Trigo, turned in a victory over Freddie (Babe) Herman, 138.

Tiscareno had trounced Herman last May, at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles—but Herman seemed to bear a charmed life in Sacramento. In this city, Freddie had battled a draw with world champion Jimmy Carter last December; boxed a draw with hitherto undefeated Cisco Andrade; was beating Art Aragon until a cut eye in the 10th round forced the referee to stop the fight.

In the six-round semi, Howard King, 180, duked Jimmy Cartwright, 189. The four-rounders: Hank Lijon, 130, decision over Paul Williams, 124; Allie Brewster, 151½, decisioned Sonny Pena, 155; and Ben Sedler, 144, drew with Ron Miller, 147.

At Hollywood Legion Stadium, Willie Vaughn, 160, registered a mild surprise by holding shaggy-haired Chebo Hernandez, 155, a border importation, to a 10-round draw. Oddly enough, all three officials turned in identical cards: 55-55. Chebo started strong, but faltered in the stretch run.

Roy Daniels, 151, stopped Bobby Taylor, 150, in the final heat of the six-round semi. Jimmy Smith, 165, won a split verdict over Ted Hester, 173, in another six. The four-rounders: Bobby McLane, 163, TKO 1 over Teddy Juarez, 161½; Candy Lopez, 123½, TKO 2 over Tony Silva, 123; and Jerry Holman, 164, TKO 2 over Johnny Apia, 162.

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GEORGE ENGEL, 78, was counted out by the Great Referee at Los Angeles General Hospital on October 24th, after a long period of poor health.

Among the fighters managed by Engel in his heyday were the immortal Harry Greb and Frank Klaus, both former world middleweights champions. At one time he was associated with Billy Gibson, manager of Gene Tunney and Benny Leonard.

Engel had been in the hospital for about a month. He was suffering from diabetes, and only a week before his death had undergone amputation of a leg.

George Parnassus is back in Sioux City, promoting wrestling shows and doing very well. He doubles in brass as a manager, handling Tommy Harrison, Henry Davis and

Fabela Chavez, though Fabela is temporarily on the shelf with injuries.

George's younger son, George Junior, was ordained a priest by Cardinal McIntyre at St. Vibiana's Cathedral a couple of months ago. His older boy, Billy, is studying medicine.

Parnassus purchased the contract of Kenny Davis, ex-marine, in August, for a sum in the neighborhood of $5,000. Because of other interests, he felt he couldn't do justice to the colorful young leatherneck and sold his contract to Al Weill.

Fight fans will enjoy "The Joe Louis Story," with Coley Wallace in the title role. This boy is merely terrific. The film is a boost for boxing; fight sequences are actual shots of Joe's most important scraps. I saw the preview, following a luncheon at Joe Chastek's famed Vagabond's House. Buddy Baer and Lou Nova, as well as all the local boxing scribes, were amongst those present. What I liked best: there were no dames in the dressing-rooms; the manager didn't smoke cigars; the trainer was not a half-wit, or a moron; nobody tried to fix a fight. Yes, indeedy; I liked this picture, and so will you.

LIGHTWEIGHT king Jimmy Carter, 136½, scored an impressive 6-round TKO over the veteran Carlos Chavez, 139½, at the Olympic Auditorium; a crowd of 6200 paid $15,482.50 to see a bloody, action-packed scrap.

For four rounds they battled on fairly even terms, with the courageous Mexican taking the offensive. The frozen-faced champ made his move in the fifth with a vicious body attack. Just before the round ended, Carter brought up a slashing uppercut which ripped a deep gash in Carlos' lip.

That was the beginning of the end for Chavez. The sight of blood gushing out of Chavez's mouth inspired Carter to employ his heavy artillery. Carlos was badly bothered by the gashed lip—it required five stitches later—and protested bitterly when, on the advice of Dr. Robert Rocke, Commission medic, Referee Frankie Van stopped the fight at the end of the 6th heat.

It was Carter's eighth fight in this arena, which in the past has been something of a jinx to him. He has won five, lost three at the Olympic; he dropped a duke to Rudy Cruz in '49, to Art Aragon in '51, and to Lauro Salas in '52. That was the fight in which Salas annexed the title, only to lose it back to Jimmy five months later in Chicago.

It was Carter's second kayo of the month; he had knocked out Ben Miloud in Johnstown a couple of weeks earlier.

Chavez lost no friends by his defeat; in fact, he was promised a rematch by Willie Ketchum, manager of the champion.

Rainey Mays, 162, a Golden Glove champion early this year, maintained his undefeated record by outpointing Russ Gilliam, 156½, in the six-round semi. He's a boy who'll bear watching.

The fours: Bob Albright, 207, KO 1 over Ozzie Hubbard, 205; Billy Evans, 126, drew with Jimmy Roybal, 128; Vince Davi, 145, drew with Frankie Cockrell, 144; and Clyde Wagner, 141, defeated Ray Fields, 144. This show was not televised.

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Also at the Olympic, in the regular Tuesday TV show, 21-year-old Santiago Esteban, 139, scored a surprising upset by defeating Mario (El Twisto) Trigo, 139, the 3-1 favorite, in the main event.

Esteban, born in Walsenburg, Colorado, has won 22 of his 25 pro fights. Two of his three defeats were at the hands of Ramon Tiscareno—and Trigo defeated Tiscareno only three weeks ago.

The decision was close, but unanimous; Referee Mushy Callahan tabbed it 57-53; Judges Joe Stone and Lee Grossman saw eye-to-eye and voted 55½ to 54½.

Gilbert Muniz, 132, won the unanimous 6-round verdict over Ramon Carrillo, 133½, in the semi-final, a good scrap.

The four-rounders: Buddy Evatt, 135, TKO 1 over Don Wallace, 131½; Satchel Porter, 152½, TKO 4 over Tony Morales, 152; Pete Gonzalez, 155½, TKO 2 over Jack (Babalu) Taylor, 159; and Bob Sherman, 200, decision over Ozzie Hubbard, 206.

At South Gate Arena, Manny Madrid, 139, made an auspicious comeback by defeating Aberdeen Lynch, St. Louis, 139, in the 10-round feature. Madrid's relentless body attack wore down the lanky boy. The verdict was featured by the fact that one official had Madrid in front by ten points, whereas another scored it 55-55.

Kildo Martinez, 120¼, San Diego, won the unanimous six-round verdict over Alex Fimbres, Phoenix, 120, in the semi-final.

The fours: Dick Lane, 150, decisioned Fred Hawkins, 157; Jimmy Roybal, 130, duked Willie Crawford, 134; and Kenny Hanson, 156, got the nod over Al Williams, 158.

Back into action after 2½ years in Korea, colorful Johnny Novella celebrated his return by knocking out his first two opponents: Richie Minjares in 4, and Aaron Junior in 2. A highly regarded prelim boy when he entered the army three years ago, Johnny looks like the answer to a promoter's prayer right now. He's an aggressive, slashing puncher, and a sure-fire main eventer, perhaps before '54 rolls around.

Novella is managed by Joey Barnum, former topnotch lightweight, now a junk tycoon. The fans are very high on this lad, and he may follow in the footsteps of Enrique Bolanos and Art Aragon as a ring idol and pack-'em-in guy. He's a 140-pounder.

Charlie Green, 161, racked up an easy 3-round TKO over one Eddie, or Edward Smith of Chicago, 163, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Green gained small prestige by the win. Don Jordan, 138, scored a 5-round TKO over Marvin Smith, 135, in the semi-final; Marco Polo, 152, stopped Joey Cardenas, 154, in the third heat.

The fours: Pete Olguin, 140, drew with George Macias, 140; Mickey McGuire, 124, KO 2 over Willie Bell, 122; and Jerry Holman, 164, decisioned Jaime Joaquin, 172.

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Jose Luis (that's Joe Louis in Americano lingo) Cotero racked up his second main event win at the expense of Tommy (Go For Broke) Umeda, Purple Heart veteran, at the Olympic Auditorium; Cotero, 121½, Umeda, 122. It was Cotero's ninth fight of '53, his eighth win. He has scored four kayos this year.

The verdict was unanimous, but the Japanese boy made it an interesting evening.

Russ Gillam, 155, duked popular Loren Pro, 159½, in the six-round semi. Pro is managed by movie star Richard Benedict.

The prelims: Johnny Joe Novella, 139, back in action after 2½ years in Korea, TKO 1 over Aaron Junior, 137; Frankie Cockrell, 145, TKO 3 over Kid Poli Zepeda, 145½; Fred Hawkins, 154½, drew with Satchel Porter, 150; Billy Hill, 151, technical draw with Al Williams, 152, 3 rounds. Head-on collision; Hill ahead on points.

Oscar Reyes, 149½, the ex-beautician, won a split verdict over former state middleweight champ Art Soto of Oakland, 149, at South Gate Arena. Oscar rolled up an early lead; Soto came strong at the finish, but not strong enough in the opinion of Referee Joe Stone and Judge Lee Grossman. Judge Tommy Hart voted for Soto.

Gil Muniz, 132, Juarez, annexed a tight-fit duke over Frankie Sequeria, 127, Oakland, in the six-round semi.

The fours: Buddy Evatt, Jackie McCoy's rangy Texan, 137, decision over Aaron Junior, 137½; Jimmy Roybal, 126, decision over Billy Evans, 123½; Henry Taylor, 173, TKO 2 over James Perry, 168¼.

At Hollywood Legion Stadium, Charlie Sawyer, 150, scored a 6-round TKO win over Ray Acosta, 146, in the main event. Acosta suffered a badly cut lip; Sawyer ahead on points when the scrap was halted.

Willie Vaughn, 161, won the unanimous verdict over Art Brown, 157, in a dull six-round semi. Sugar Kid Burnett, 157, copped unanimous six-round verdict over Curtis Coefield, 160, in the special.

Four-rounders: Bobby Trujillo, 140, decisioned Herman Porter, 145; Jackie Spurgeon, 113, TKO 2 over Chuey Munoz, 111½; Joey Cardenas Chig, 152½, decisioned Marco Polo, 153½.

Up in Sacramento, Freddie (Babe) Herman battled a 10-round draw with favored Cisco (Kid) Andrade. In an earlier meeting at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, Andrade had decisioned Herman.

It didn't occasion too much surprise, for Herman fights like a world-beater in Sacramento. Last December, he held the lightweight titleholder, Jimmy Carter to a 10-round draw in that city.

For Andrade, it brought to a halt his brilliant array of professional wins. Cisco turned pro on August 5, 1952, after his discharge from the army. He swept through '52 with nine straight wins, six by kayo; started '53 as a main eventer, and racked up seven straight wins, five by kayo.

Though the draw with Herman spoils his perfect score, Cisco can still boast that he's undefeated.

Andrade is piloted by roly-poly Ralph Gambina; Herman is managed by Sparky Rudolph. All are Angelenos.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

WRESTLING promoter Mrs. Ernestine Murtagh and her husband, Jim Murtagh, who stage mat shows for the Veterans Of Foreign Wars kept the game alive by bringing in world's heavyweight champion, Rocky Marciano, to referee a match between Nick Carter and Charles Rodriguez at the Coliseum Arena.

Rocky was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Marciano, trainer Charley Goldman and Chick Wergeles, who was pinch-hitting for manager Al Weill who was in Europe. Marciano was flown in here from Shreveport, La., by the Louisiana oil tycoon, Louis J. Roussel, president, of the Orleans Levee Board, in Roussel's private plane with Pilot Jim Fauls at the wheel.

Willie Pastrano, 154¾, New Orleans light middleweight, won a split close popular decision over Elmer Beltz, 153¾, Los Angeles, in the feature eight round bout staged by promoter Heard Ragas at the Coliseum Arena.

Al Villafara, 140½, stablemate of dancing master Ralph Dupas, pounded out a unanimous eight round decision over Armand Goetter, 143¾, Los Angeles, in the eight round semi-final. Hector Bacuetes, 132, Algiers, La., pounded out a one-sided win over Carlos Savadra, 130, another Dupas stablemate.

Nolan Duplessis, 140½, scored a two round kayo over Ed Harrison, 150½. Ray Herquet, New Orleans, won a unanimous four round decision over Jose Hernandez, San Juan, 133½ Puerto Rico.

The show set a new low attendance, the Ragas promotion only enticing 763 paying customers for a net gate of $1,098.82.

Larche Campbell, who has been promoting fights in Bastrop and Monroe, La., recommends Clarence Cook, 150, to Southern fight promoters. Cook, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, in his last start on Oct. 5th at Bastrop, La., scored a five round kayo over Robert Martinez, 153, San Antonio.

The fight was a scorcher and inclement weather held down the attendance. Over 500 fans attended the ball park show on a cold and rainy night. Cook finished Martinez with a right cross in the fifth round of their ten rounder.

Rocky Gatlin, Kenner, La., light heavyweight who has been inactive for the past six months, is back in training and plans on resuming fighting in January 1954.

Unattached fighters desiring work in this locality can contact this writer at the DeSoto Hotel, 420 Barone Street, New Orleans, La.

IDAHO FISTIC FACTS

By Hugh Sutton

KENNEWICK, Washington—Harley Breshears, 174, Parma, Idaho, won a sixth round technical knockout over Jose Aguilar, 169, Seattle. It was the 11th straight victory for Breshears.

Barrie Jackson, 181, of Gonzaga University, scored an impressive knockout victory in his first fight as a pro. The Portland and Spokane youth knocked out Billy Irons, 179, Spokane, in the third round.

Jimmie Grow, 139, Lewiston, a Boise Junior College student, won a TKO over Rockjaw Johnson, 142, of Seattle. The referee stopped the fight after 40 seconds of the third round because of a cut over Johnson's left eye.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES

By Jack Waina

T'WAS a superb battle put on between Lester Felton, 148, Detroit, and Luther Rawlings, 148, Chicago, in a pleasing ten rounder fought at the Grand Rapids Stadium. Felton, who proved he still could come in as a welterweight, showed no signs of a four month layoff. He impressively gained a unanimous decision over Rawlings, for his eleventh straight win in Michigan rings in the past three years.

Felton's performance was one of his best, as he used that good stiff left jab to perfection, then doubled up with hooks to the body and head followed by right crosses. Rawlings was not to be denied though, and he made a game effort with some vicious punches in the ninth and tenth rounds in an attempt to pull the fight out of the fire. The officials voted 53-47, 52-48 and 51-49, all in favor of Felton.

The semi-final shaped up like a real good slugfest when U. S. Olympic and National A.A.U. champion, Davey Moore, 128, Springfield, Ohio, and Raul "Chili Bean" Prado, 130, Detroit, hooked up in a slated eight rounder. In the second, Moore clipped Prado with a right hand that sent him against the ropes and Raul fell right out of the ring, when a loose rope gave away. Claiming injury to his back, Prado was examined in the ring by the commission physician and ruled unable to continue with the fight. Referee Bobby Rings then called the bout no contest. But in all fairness to Moore, it is the opinion of this writer that the referee should have given Davey a TKO win in the second round, instead of the ruling he arrived at.

Adrian Hefel, 148, Detroit, KO'd Bennie Proffitt, 148, Chicago, with a right to the jaw in the second; Frank Sak, 145, Detroit, making his pro debut, pleasingly defeated tough Marvin Day, 143½, Chicago, in four; and Terry Book, 127, Milwaukee, looked good in outclassing Walter Daykers, 128, Detroit, in another four.

You have to admire Italo Scortichini, 155, Italy, for in two appearances here at the Olympia Stadium, he didn't win but proved he could take punches from the best of them. First Scortichini went the distance with welterweight champion Kid Gavilan and now he returned facing murderous punching Gil Turner, 156, Philadelphia.

Turner won with ease going away, as did Gavilan, but what impressed the onlookers was the way Italo took all of Gil's punches in an up-right position. The Philadelphian figured an easy winner from the start, but he tried hard for the KO. The Italian moved briskly avoiding Turner's flurries as much as possible. When it was all over, the crowd of 3,053 fans who paid a gross of $6,801 were very well pleased.

The semi-final was a honey between Moses Ward, Detroit middleweight, and Bobby Boyd, of Chicago. Boyd dropped Ward to the seat of his pants in the opening round, but "Moe" got up immediately and kept on hammering away and finally dropped Bobby for keeps at 2:47 of the third.

Jackie Richards, Detroit middleweight, outboxed Frankie Hill, Detroit, in four; Adrian Hefel, 148, Detroit, edged Alvin Howell, 149, Detroit, in four; Henry Brown, 133, Philadelphia, stopped Nelson Foreman, 130, Detroit, in an all action bout at 1:29 of the third; and Willie Williams, 155, Detroit, bested Joey Agoston, 158, Windsor, in four.

George Powell, 185¾, Detroit, had little trouble beating Chicago Golden Gloves champion, Benny Thomas, 184, at the Motor City Arena. Thomas proved willing but lacked the experience of his opponent, as Powell took seven out of eight rounds. There were no knockdowns in the bout.

Bobby Evans, 154½, Detroit, beat Jackie Fischer, 149, Grand Rapids, in an interesting tiff; Bobby Brooks, 142½, Detroit, defeated Ray Edwards, 149, Flint; and Ronnie Stribling, 132, Chicago, TKO'd John Avery, 130½, Detroit, in the fourth.

Coming in at the heaviest weight of his fistic career, 152 pounds, Allie Gronik, the unorthodox Lincoln Parker, was awarded a four round TKO in a slated six over James Cousins, 149, Indianapolis, at 2:38. Gronik in his usual manner, forced the action throughout and found Cousins easy prey with his bull like rushes and punches.

Jim Hall, 160¼, Buffalo, gave Chuck Coleman, 162½, Detroit, a tough test before losing a close six beller.

A pair of four's found Bobby Brooks, 137½, Detroit, winning a popular duke over Gordon Meadows, 144, Pontiac, and Jackie Fisher, 149, Grand Rapids, winning over Joey Agoston, 150, Windsor.

Making his first start along the comeback trail, Tommy Leedle, Detroit middleweight, just got by Jackie Fisher, of Grand Rapids, in a MCA six rounder. Leedle had a comfortable margin going into the last round, but was knocked down and was barely able to finish the bout.

A co-feature found Eddie Simms, Chicago middleweight, disposing of highly touted Bobby Evans, of Detroit, in the second. Both boys were swinging freely, but Simms connected with the harder punches to spell the difference.

John Barnes, 136¼, Detroit, was awarded a TKO over Tommy Parrasz, 142½, Toledo, when the latter felt he was taking too much punishment and refused to continue in the third, and Hec Charette, 160¼, Windsor, beat Johnny Mack, 159, Detroit, in four.

The Capital City Boxing Club returned to circulation featuring a pair of eight rounders at the Prudden Auditorium in Lansing. Jed Black, former MSU student, edged Carl Stafford, of Chicago, in a close welterweight encounter, and Kenny Lane, Muskegon lightweight, suffered his first loss when a badly cut optic halted his clash with Ronnie Stribling, of Chicago, in the second.

Hammering Henry Hank, Jim Bowlin's promising welterweight youngster, scored his fourth KO in five starts, when he finished off Howard Calloway, of Grand Rapids, in the third and Jimmy Sparks, Detroit lightweight, won over Gordon Meadows, of Pontiac, in a four.

Embrell Davidson, 214½, Detroit, lost no time in stopping Johnny Holman, 201½, Chicago, impressively at 2:36 of the second round. Davidson, a devastating puncher, spun Holman around with a terrific left and sent him to the canvas from a short right hand before the end of the first round. The Windy City boy was dropped three more times in the second, before referee Johnny Weber halted the MCA clash.

Hec Charette, 160, Windsor, outhustled Johnny Mack, 161¼, Detroit again; Al Hogan, 176, Toronto, arose from a knockdown in the second to edge out Alphonso Green, 164¼, Detroit; and Willie Williams, 159½, Detroit, outmauled Mike Sassin, 159½, Detroit.

Pat Lowry, of Toledo, and Allie Gronik, of Lincoln Park, headed another presentation at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids. Although Lowry, 142½, received the nod over Sammy Rodgers, 140½, Benton Harbor, after eight rounds, the decision was loudly booed. Gronik, 149, scored a good win over Johnny Brown, 151, Chicago, in an eight also.

Jackie Fisher, 146½, Grand Rapids, stopped Bob Brown, of Chicago, in two. John Barnes, 137, Detroit, made it two straight over Bobby Brooks, 143½, Detroit. Duke Harris, 145½, Detroit, bested James Pitt, 143, Chicago, and Willie Windom, 146, Detroit, beat Gordon Meadows, 144, Pontiac, in four's.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . One of the busiest managers in Michigan is Danny Spunt, of Chicago. Seldom is there a show here that one or two of his boys are not appearing. During the past month alone, Spunt brought in eleven of his Windy City boys. . . . Nice to see Eddie Scott, former Ann Arbor lightweight, back in the game training some of the local boys.

Did you know that Dave Gudelwsky, commission member from Muskegon, has been on the board over 20 years. Dave is one of the most popular officials that I have ever come in contact with and is a real credit to the sport. . . . James Riley delighted over his boy Henry Bronko's fine win over Bozo Constantino, New York 147 pounder, an eight rounder on the Rocky-Castellani-Mickey Laurent attraction at Cleveland.

A pat on the back for Joe Corsey, who's doing a whale of a job down in Canton, Ohio, with the boxing commission there. . . . Versatile Ray Langin doing a yeoman's job as an inspector on all the Grand Rapids shows. . . . Tony Lomonaco now operating his own gas filling station and considering a comeback in the near future. . . . Bill Miller did a swell job in prepping Lester Felton for his clash with Luther Rawlings.

Till next month, remember if you read it in The Ring it's a fact. This writer always welcomes your comments and I may be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

By Joe Martin

A BOXING club, organized to develop young fighters and revive interest in pro pugilism in Louisville, was licensed this month by State boxing commissioner Grant Lewis.

With Jimmy Dell Lovell and Louis Karem as partners, the club will be known as Dell's Boxing Club, Inc. and will promote fights weekly.

The license is the second held in Louisville. The Victory A. C., with Joe Brooks at the head, is licensed until early next year, but is interested only in big-scale fights at the Armory.

IN MONTANA AND THE NORTHWEST
By Bo "Bow Tie" Grmoljez

GLEN FLANAGAN, St. Paul, won over Joey Clemo of Portland, Oregon with ease in their ten round fight at the Butte Civic Center on October 20. Displaying about every punch in the book, Flanagan was the master all the way. Clemo, a great club fighter, was trying all the time but he could not coup with Flanagan's dazzling speed. Clemo who has been more or less inactive since returning from the war fronts of Korea needed this fight and it would not be surprising that when he goes to the post again, he will be in better fighting form.

The six round special event that brought together Herbie "Rusty" Patzer of Anaconda and Jerry Strutz of Portland, Oregon was a real Donnybrook. Patzer got his hand raised amid an ovation for both fighters. This bout can come back to Butte anytime.

The six round semi-windup, featuring rough-and-tough Chuck Ross of Portland and Butte's Johnny Masonovich, heavyweights, started off in full gear with Masonovich holding the lead for two rounds but the Portlander would not be denied and the fight suddenly ended between the third and fourth round with Masonovich not coming out of his corner with the claim of an injured hand.

Eddie Lockett a Butte featherweight, making his professional debut, looked okeh as he outwinded Dave O'Leary in the opening four.

Earle Kalani the Vancouver, B. C. fight promoter should get the cooperation of the managers of the Pacific Coast. He deserves it. The big Canadian City was in a deep slumber until Earle took over a few months ago and from all appearances, the likeable fight promoter will bring the game back as it was in the days of Jack Allen when the Toronto promoter was putting on shows in the Coast City featuring such great scrappers as Billy Townsend, Vic Foley and Hector McDonald.

Spokane, Washington once the lair of "Tiger" Jack Fox, is waiting for a real live promoter.

Tacoma has been a hit-and-miss affair while Seattle, the home of Harry "Kid" Matthews, comes up with a good bout once or twice a year.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By Homer Amundsen

LARRY NICHOLSON, who had a brief pro boxing career in local fight circles before entering the Army and now is stationed in Korea, has jumped from the lightweight class to 160 pounds. Pvt. Nicholson, finds time occasionally to don the padded mittens when not serving in his capacity as company accountant.

Eddie Berge, a hefty middleweight puncher around the Tacoma area in the roaring 1920's is now in the house painting business in Empire, Oregon. Eddie boxed under the monicker of Eddie Greb.

One of the better appearing prospects in this vicinity, Ritchie Reed, gave a creditable account of himself on a late Tacoma fight event. Reed, at 156 pounds, 20 years of age, gives promise of climbing the fistic ladder hereabouts.

Chuck Haines, former Spokane, boxing promoter now living in California, and a real hustler, was a recent Tacoma visitor at the local fights.

It will not be too far distant when the local Golden Gloves tournament gets into swing. Where the local performers will crop up from, will be a mystery. The local kids have shunned the boxing sport.

Pat McMurtry, Tacoma's future bright star in boxing, received his discharge from the Marines on October 20th, after a two year hitch. Pat, winner of two Far East titles and the All-Marine crown, will be the boy to give Northwest the much deserved shot in the arm anent boxing in the heavyweight division. Ed Sullivan had an article on Pat in the "New Yorker".

Vancouver, B. C. is the only locale in the Pacific Northwest at the moment staging pro fight cards.

ALONG ALBERTA'S BASH BOULEVARD
by Thomas V. Deugau

In Calgary, Alta, Promoter Ernie Farr staged his first heavyweight main event in his long and colorful career.

Close to 1,000 fans saw Jim Byrne, Seattle, win a 10 round split-decision over Doug Harper, Calgary.

Byrne was in much better shape than he was when he lost a decision to Harper on the under card of an Edmonton fight.

Harper, a stylish fighter, opened strongly with a sharp jabbing offensive and held a decided edge over Byrne in the first three rounds.

The heavy, slow moving, bulling tactics of Byrne soon wore Harper down leaving him tired and open to the heavy blows of his opponent.

The seventh round proved the best for Harper as he came out seemingly very fresh and scored many body blows which seemed to be taking their toll.

Pushing, wrestling and shoving in the 9th had Harper bleeding from the nose as Byrne opened up.

Both boys were tired but dead game as they did their utmost to win the 10th. The score cards showed Byrnes winning the split decision.

Pappy Brown, Seattle, won over Murray Vinje, Calgary, in a six rounder.

In the 4 round opening bout, Jersey Joe Edwards tired his opponent Gordon Rounder, with powerful left hooks to win the nod.

In another bout Doug Cunningham, took the victory from Frank Kuhnen, both of Calgary.

In the 6 round semi-final, Steve Lang of Calgary, took the judges eye over Seattle's Freddie Miller.

In Edmonton, Earl Walls, the Canadian heavyweight champ, disposed of Ol' Joe Kahut at 2:04 of the 2nd round of a scheduled 10 rounder.

Walls weighed in 10 pounds heavier than the American visitor at 192½. Kahut has been the only fighter to go the limit with Walls in two years.

Kahut tried his old style of bobbing and weaving and presented an elusive target and landed a few crisp rights before Earl, the Pearl, disposed of him.

It was an exciting fight, and the crowd of 5,500 fans relaxed as it appeared that Kahut had weathered a first round 9 count knockdown but then Walls found the mark again with a dynamite laden left hook to the midriff.

The punch literally paralyzed Kahut who fell on his hands and knees near the center of the ring and was counted out.

Walls emerged from the fray unmarked but Kahut had a lump on his forehead and a hairline cut under his right eye; plus a mighty sore side.

Aside from the main event, the only bout on the 6 bout card was a queer semi-final which was won by Vern Escoe over Baby Joe Walcott in 3 rounds. Escoe was awarded the fight by referee Billy Smith who disqualified the outclassed California boy. Escoe was able to hit the crude and awkward Walcott any time and anywhere he chose with any kind of a punch he felt like throwing. Baby Joe was knocked down by a volley of punches midway in the 3rd but struggled to his feet and widly and madly rushed Escoe without waiting to have his gloves brushed off or for the mandatory count. Escoe promptly floored him again and this time as Walcott reached his feet and attempted to lunge at Escoe, the referee stopped the bout and awarded Escoe the fight. Escoe 184, Walcott 181.

Italian heavyweight Pietro "Pewee" Allessandrini, 200, made his trainer, Mons. Georges Bougie very happy as he won a 6 round split decision over roly-poly Chuck Ross, 215, Portland, in a brawling, mauling crowd pleasing slugfest.

Al "Mighty Atom" Marotti, 141, won split decision over Fraser, in this bristling battling welterweight 6 rounder. Marotti built up an early lead and held it throughout. Both boys fought hard and clean and did a multitude of infighting which pleased the crowd.

Lord George Dunn was another very pleased person last night as two of his proteges won their fight laurels the hard way.

Kid Sinclair, 177, Slave Lake, outweighed Edmonton's Ray Dilling by 18 pounds but the local boy, a protege of lightweight star George Dunn, managed to gain a draw in the four round curtain-raiser.

Lightweight Jerry Olmar won a split decision over Rodger Zass after four rounds. Both boys weighed 134.

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Jack Berry secured a new gym for Walls and Kahut in a favorable location and this writer hopes he will be able to keep it open. With the help of fight fans who have proved that Edmonton will support professional boxing by paying $17,077 to see the Walls-Kahut fight there is no logical reason why they won't support a gym.

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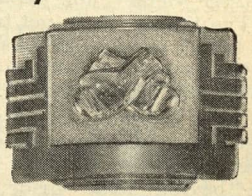

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Theodore Roosevelt once wrote, "The credit belongs not to the critic but rather to the fellow who is actually in the ring; his face marred by dust and sweat and blood; who comes short again and again but keeps on trying, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have tasted neither victory nor defeat."

The true glory is not in winning, but in trying. *The failures in life are not those who are unable to win,* but only those who never even try!" said Assistant Defense Secretary John R. Hannah when he was president of Michigan State College in addressing the boxing team prior to an intercollegiate meet.

Defeat is never permanent. Victory is compounded from defeats. In striving toward the goal, if you fall, always fall forward—toward the goal. Then you'll have that much less distance to cover when you get up. This world can show many fine examples of persons who, figuratively, did not get their "skates" to quit on!

Defeat is never bitter unless you choose to swallow it.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

FORMER welterweight champion of the territory Frankie Fernandez, 143¼, fighting for the first time in two years, rallied strongly in the last two rounds to earn a draw against crafty Mario Trigo, 142, of Los Angeles in a ten round main event at the Civic Auditorium. The decision was split with referee Walter Cho calling it 14 to 13 in Trigo's favor, while judge Wilbert Minn gave Fernandez a 15 to 11 win. Louis Freitas, the other judge, scored it even at 15 points apiece.

The fight card, the first promotion of newcomer Jack King, drew a good crowd of 3,781 fans and grossed $5,420.54.

The aging Frankie Fernandez surprised even his most ardent backers by his splendid condition and went the full route at top speed but he failed to impress them with his punching power.

Without taking any credit away from Mario Trigo, who is no slouch as a fighter and at his best, as elusive as any boxer could be, it was apparent that Fernandez was sadly lacking power punching he used to display in his fights.

Most of the rounds followed the same pattern with Fernandez the aggressor all the time. He kept punching continuously but most of his blows were wide misses and seldom did he connect with two punches in succession.

Trigo fought in flurries but every time he was in a tight spot he managed to punch his way out. Fighting from a southpaw stance he landed several good lefts which threw the Islander off balance every time they landed. But they weren't hard enough to hurt.

Going into the ninth round Trigo had a slight edge but he tired badly. It was at this point that Fernandez put on his rally and evened up the score.

Reno Abellira, 160, knocked out Dalfus Brown, 152½, in the 4th. Josiah Lili, 134½, decisioned Rocky Kansas, 139½ in 4 rounds. Dan Santiago, 134½, put the sleeper on Patsy Burke, 134, in the first round. Ernest Sylvia, 121, held William Mara, 120, to a four round draw.

AL WEILL HOLDS KEY TO HEAVY SITUATION

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lacks appeal.

The night Marciano stopped La Starza in eleven heats, Rocky was not at his best. He looked stale. Yet he gave Roland a terrible beating, and left the impression that he could do it again, any time they met.

If the IBC will find the old-Rickard-Jacobs compendium, titled "How to Steam Up a Fight," somewhere in the club's files, it will discover that after a fighter gets a severe trouncing from a champion, the loser must be rebuilt before he can be matched successfully for a second shot.

La Starza should not be sent right back at the Rock. The match would not appeal even in Roland's native New York.

The thing to do is to send La Starza over to London, to fight Don Cockell, Empire heavyweight champion, and conqueror of Harry Matthews in Seattle this past Summer.

If La Starza were to whip Cockell, he could return to the USA with a refurbished reputation, and a fair claim to a third fight with Marciano.

If Cockell were to beat La Starza, the IBC would be in clover, with an international heavyweight attraction for Yankee Stadium.

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What is left of the Charles career as a fighter is not impressive. He has had so many chances. He has had the title, he has been favored with so many splendid opportunities to get himself set with the fans. But he has muffed so many times. It's hard to sell a faded Ezzard to any fight public as a contender for the laurels he once held.

Beaten by Valdes, beaten by Johnson, coming along in years, Charles definitely does not shape up as Marciano's 1954 goal. If Ezzard does loom as such, the game is in a terrible plight.

This is said with no animus toward Ezzard, but with a feeling that he might look around for something more sedate and less painful than a ring career.

There has been talk of matching Charles with Coley Wallace, who some time ago finished work on the motion picture life story of Joe Louis, with Coley impersonating the one-time champion.

It is suggested that this, too, be taken out to Hollywood.

In urging a Miami fight for Marciano, Norris is aware of the dangers of letting a boxing situation go stale. Not only the situation, but the Rock, as well.

Boxing interest now, as always, is paced by the heavyweight setup.

Marciano has built up a tremendous good will, and should not let it hang around unused.

On Marciano's return to New York from his tour several weeks back, Charley Goldman said, "Rocky made a wonderful impression. His manners, his speech, his general demeanor, (Note; Goldman said, 'demeanor'), all helped to build him up with the people, in all walks of life.

"We met corporation presidents and bankers, we met factory workers, and gas station attendants, and they all agreed that Marciano was a fine young man.

"Insofar as I am concerned, I am just his teacher, his trainer. I have nothing to do with his matches.

"But it seems to me that he could beat anybody. He gets better as he goes along. His confidence now is at a peak, and not without reason. Whom has he got to fear?"

Asked about Valdes for a Miami fight, Goldman replied, "Don't underrate the Cuban. He is a fine fighter, a big, tough hombre. They tell me he could beat Charles seven nights a week. Well, that means Valdes is a man to be considered.

"However, I am not plugging a Marciano-Valdes match. I am very glad to leave such matters to Mr. Weill."

Not only Marciano, but Goldman himself, had developed. Charley had discarded his old derby for a jaunty fedora, which gives him the look of a Broadway boulevardier.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By Jack Levinson

Amateur boxing returned to Norfolk in an action packed card, presented at the Municipal Auditorium. The Khedive Temple Shrine sponsored card, with shriners, Dr. Edward Meyers and Mr. Charles Ford, both members of the Virginia Boxing Commission, handled the matchmaker roles in admirable fashion. Approximately 3000 fans attended.

In the feature bout, Don DeLong-Amphibious Base dropped Don Peters-USS Orion, twice in the 1st round, then again in the 2nd round, when Referee Paddy Mills halted the contest, after 28 seconds of the 2nd round.

Don McCutchens-N.A.S. won a 1st rd T.K.O. over Dave Moran-Amphibious Base.

Jimmy Rose-V.A.C. won decision over Bill Keefe-USS Valley Forge.

Bob Mascarelli-USS Midway won decision over Allen Moore-Portsmouth A. C.

Bob Herring-NAS decisioned Aaron Bacs-V.A.C.

Bob Epperson-N.A.S. decisioned Ray Rounds-USS Valley Forge.

Bob Dennis-USS Orion decisioned Freddie Addison-V.A.C.

All weights unavailable.

The Commander-Destroyer Flotilla Four, sponsored an all Navy card at the Fleet Recreation Park, in Norfolk. Fritz McKinney-USS Sierra iced Ken Cook-ServLant in 1:53 of the 3rd round, in the feature bout.

Bob Harrison-USS Amphion (voted the outstanding boxer on the card) won a 2nd round TKO over Carl Matheney-USS Orion, in the 2nd round.

Frank Neiss-USS Lind K.O'd Jim Lee-USS Boley in 51 seconds of the 1st rd. Don Peters, USS Orion K.O'd Paul Elaasser-USS Pritchett in 54 seconds of the 2nd round. . . . Jack Baulousa-USS Sierra outpointed Ron Lovell-USS Grand Canyon. . . . Holly Majors-USS Grand Canyon outpointed Walt Mahoney-USS Everglades. . . . Al Robinson-USS Grand Canyon outpointed Bob Bush-USS Sierra. . . . Frank

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All information regarding Virginia boxers or boxing, is welcome. Please have your reports at my address before the end of each month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore drive, Norfolk, Va.

NEW FACES

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in three rounds. It was like this: I was getting married and needed cash for the wedding. So I took the James fight without training. Well, I ran into wallops and out of gas. The defeat taught me a good lesson. Incidently, the wedding never came off."

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AN oddity in this day and age, a young fighter who knows the value of body punching, Rinzi Nocero young, Brooklyn, N. Y. middleweight, has learned well Sam Langford's old adage "Kill the body and the head dies".

Rizziero John Nocero was born and raised in Covington, Kentucky on the banks of the Ohio River. As a boy he liked to go fishing and spent many happy hours angling away. A fine athlete he won letters in basketball and football at high school. Following his graduation he worked as an apprentice plumber for two years when he enlisted in the Army.

Always interested in boxing he began to fight while stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He won all three of his bouts before being shipped out. Rinzi spent three years in Germany and had time to box nine more times, winning all of these.

He returned to the states and was discharged in March, 1953. An army buddy of his, a former fighter, told him to look up Al Braverman, if he wanted a good manager to turn him pro. The day after he was settled, Rinzi did just that. Under the watchful eye of Al he worked out at the Broadway Gym, until he was ready to make his debut. That was at Bridgeport, Conn. on July 8 of this year when he scored a one round kayo over seasoned Paul Gronick. Since then he has reeled off nine more wins, four by kayos, and was picked by the RING as prospect of the Month in the December issue.

A two fisted action slugger, 22 year old Rinzi is a matchmaker's dream, a fighter who fights.

He's now living in Brooklyn with his sister Irene and her husband.

MIDWESTERN FAVORITES

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Nenos (King) Solomon

A TOUGH, two fisted puncher, King Solomon from Chicago's North Side is making fine headway in the light heavyweight division.

Soloman who was born in Chicago April 18, 1929 is of Jewish-Assyrian parentage, and one of three fighting brothers. Brother Tim is a professional lightweight, while Bill is still boxing as an amateur. He has been interested in fights for a long time, and as a kid used to sneak into the boxing shows at Marigold Gardens in Chicago. Caught by promoter Jack Begun, Nenos was told that he was such a steady customer, that from now on he should come in by the front door. Solomon said "that he wanted to be a fighter when he was old enough and that he wanted Jack to manage him". He was all of 80 pounds and 11 years old at the time.

After serving two years in the Marine Corps, Solomon returned to his quest of being a fighter. He spent two years learning his trade, while working as a bus captain and waiter in Chicago's best hotels, the Morrison, Palmer House, Blackstone, and Ambassador East.

A fine student in high school, he was also a top flight athlete playing on the basketball teams and rowing on the crew. Nenos had no amateur experience when he turned professional in March 1952. In 16 bouts he has won 12, and had two draws. He won his first seven starts by knockouts. He has beaten Lou Barry, Chico Pacheco, Al Cephas, and battled to draws with Nate Huskey, and Irwin Schulz.

Solomon is fast becoming a favorite with midwestern fight fans.

Dick Kerber

AN aggressive young welterweight who has been causing midwestern boxing fans to take notice is Dick Kerber. Dubbed Milwaukee's "Blond Tiger", he is a two fisted club fighter who is making rapid stride toward the top of the fistic heap.

Dick was born on January 28, 1930 in Milwaukee. He is of German-Irish parentage, a graduate of Lincoln high school where he was an all around athlete as well as a fine student. While serving with the 82nd. Airborne Division following World War II, he first started to develop an interest in boxing. Following his discharge after 2 years service he entered the amateurs and won the Milwaukee Golden Glove novice lightweight title in 1949, and the open welterweight crown in 1950.

Kerber turned professional late in 1950 and has won 31 of his 40 fights, boxing 2 draws. A good boxer with a fast left jab and a kayo punch in his right hand, he is rated by many Wisconsinites as their best prospect since the Mitchell brothers and Joey Sangor.

He has turned in wins over Ralph Cervantes, Don Keeling, Benny Uhle, Johnny Gillespie, and kayoed Rocky Casillo, Don Wilson, and Chet Whiley.

Dick, who is married and the father of a two year old daughter is employed as the office manager of a wholesale flooring Co. in Milwaukee.

Managed by Eddie Metrie, he is trained by Baby Joe Gans, who fought seven world champions during his ring career.

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IN INDIANA RINGS
By Tony Coppi

FOR many years the top boxing city in Indiana has been Indianapolis. Whenever a big fistic card was held in the Hoosier state the event was sure to be held in the Capitol city. Thru the years such stars as Jack Dillon, Kid McCoy, Happy Atherton, Tracy Cox, Milburn Sailors, Bud Taylor, Henry Hook, Chuck Wiggins and many others hailing from the Hoosier state have appeared in Indianapolis rings. Also many outstanding champions such as Barney Ross, Kid Gavilan, Joey Maxim and others.

Now Ft. Wayne is threatening to be the leading boxing city in Indiana. A city closely located to Chicago, Toledo and Detroit whereby it could draw fight fans to fill the newly erected coliseum providing promoters their continue to top their cards with headline attractions.

In two ventures so far the Ft. Wayne Athletic association has had Chuck Davey, former TV idol topping one of their cards against Sammy Mastrean and former lightweight champion Ike Williams meeting Jed Black, promising Michigan State belter.

The man behind the guns in Ft. Wayne is Fred Zollner, manufacturer and industrialist, who has made a name in sports as director of world's championships in softball and as owner of a professional basketball team in the National Professional basketball league. He is assisted by Bruff Cleary,a promoter of boxing and wrestling in Ft. Wayne for many years who will serve as president and matchmaker.

Not asleep at the switch is Al Farb, cagey present promoter of the Hoosier Boxing club in Indianapolis. Farb holds the best cards since he has good new talent developing in his city with boys like Gene Parker, Indiana welter champ, Joe Tuvell, former navy lightheavy champ, Tommy Bain, promising featherweight,

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Arch Hindman, chairman of the state athletic commission, is seeking a suitable insurance program to give coverage to professional boxers in this state.

Gene Parker, 148, Indianapolis, making his second appearance in Indiana rings since returning from Korea, won a ten round bout from Nate Huskey, 144, Detroit, in the Armory, Indianapolis. Huskey was outclassed from the opening bell as Parker landed frequently with one-two combinations but no knockdowns were scored. The Michigan belter failed to win one round on the officials cards.

Joe Tuvell, 178, Indianapolis, winner of two previous bouts by knockouts, ran into some stiff opposition in Don Smith, 188, Louisville, but won a six round decision over the aggressive Kentuckian.

Tommy Bain, popular 123 pounder from Indianapolis, chased Raymond Axt, 117, for four rounds before icing his opponent in 2:45 of that round.

Al Berry, 147, Columbus, knocked out Bob Wilson, 143, Indianapolis, in two rounds and Jack Martin, 125, Indianapolis, scored a TKO over Jack Ingram, 120, Indianapolis, in one.

Parker won another bout during the month by taking an eight round decision over Dick Kerber in Milwaukee.

Jimmy Welch, 166, Columbus, O., and Stanley Mylinski, 173, Chicago, battled to a ten-round draw in a fistic bill in the Indianapolis Armory. Welch, who in his previous bout had won over Irish Bob Murphy, fought in flurries and back pedalled most of the way during the bout. Otherwise he would have beaten Mylinski, who forced the milling and scored with repeated left jabs.

Joe Tuvell, Indianapolis lightheavy, had too many guns for Buddy Graham, 190, Chicago, and scored a knockout in the second.

In other bouts Andy (Candy) Anderson, 158, Indianapolis, won a second round TKO over Don Keeling, 147½, Cincinnati; Tommy Bain, 122, Indianapolis, won over Eddie Cooper, 122, Louisville, by TKO when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the second round due to a cut eye and Bob Wilson, 141, Indianapolis, won a four round decision over Johnny Valdez, 143, Cincinnati.

Jerry Leeper, son of Tom Leeper, Indianapolis fight manager, is serving with the Marines in San Diego in basic training. The youngster, following in his father's footsteps, has had a few fights on the coast. Tom continues to be one of the most active managers in the fistic trade and has a well rounded stable of fighters in such boys as: Colion Chaney, who is finding difficulty in a comeback attempt because opponents, his manager says, do not want to fight him; Andy Anderson, former Indiana welter champ; Jimmy Welch, winner over Irish Bob Murphy; James Cousins, who holds a win over Alan Moody; Ralph Helms, Jack Ingram and Ponce DeLeon 220 pounds).

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

DAN BUCCERONI, the Philadelphia butcher boy, filed away another win when he punched out a close ten round decision over New York's Jimmy Slade at the Oakland Avenue Arena. The fight was a regular Wednesday night televised show promoted by the I.B.C. with the local promoter being Emory Jones and the matchmaker George Carson.

The butcher boy had to go all out and extend himself to win over the very courageous Slade. Slade was on the floor in the fourth round and appeared in a bad way when he finally got up at the count of nine but managed to elude the hard punching Bucceroni for the remaining seconds of the round. Fred Connell, one judge, scored the fight 54 to 46 for Bucceroni, Judge Howard Hass and referee Dick Young scored it 51 to 49 for Bucceroni.

The 2,416 fans who paid a gross gate of $5,878 began voicing their approval of the bruising fight at the half way point of the final round.

In the co-featured fight, Charley Riley, 132, St. Louis, stopped Bobby Why, 132, Los Angeles, in four rounds when Why was unable to come out for the fifth because of a badly cut left eye which was damaged in the third round. Rocky Marciano refereed the Riley and Why fight. Riley looked better than he has in a long time.

During my years of association with fights and reminiscing back through the years I have arrived at the conclusion that Charley Riley has given me the greatest thrills of all of the fighters that I have witnessed in action.

In a bout scheduled for six rounds Lou King, 162, Chicago, stopped Jim Bull, 157, Scott Field Air Base, in the first round with a terrific left hook.

Ronnie Stribling, 133, Chicago, decisioned Earl Goudeau, 137, St. Louis, in four rounds, while in another four rounder Clarence Mayes, 136, Granite City, Ill., defeated Martin Wares, 133½, Omaha.

Scotty Powell, the genial little fellow from Granite City, Ill., is back with us again after recuperating from a trip to the hospital where he underwent an operation for the removal of his voice box. Scotty has been around boxing for a long time in these parts and is well known and well liked and we are all most glad to have him back with us. At Shelby, Mississippi in world war one Scotty was boxing instructor and if any of his old students catch this they can contact him at 2156 Lee Ave., in Granite City, Ill.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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TED OLLA, 160¼, won the applause but Rocky Castellani, 159½, won the unanimous decision in their 10 round bout at the Milwaukee Arena. Referee Dauber Jaeger scored it 7-4. The judges 5-4 and 7-2. It was an action packed fight with the hard punching Olla the aggressor throughout. He landed repeatedly to the body but his punches to the head failed to target the elusive Rocky whose speedy left jabs and hooks very seldom missed their mark.

Gene Parker, 147½, Indianapolis, defeated Dick Kerber, 147½, Milwaukee, eight.

Eddie O'Neil, 162½, Milwaukee, and Terry Wagner, 165½, Milwaukee, drew, six.

Terry Book, 128, Milwaukee, defeated Elmer Britt, 128, Chicago, four.

Johnny Hobbs, 142½, Chicago, defeated Carmen Caputa, 136¾, Milwaukee, four.

Paul Nicholas, 157, Milwaukee, defeated Joe Pryor, 156, Chicago, four.

The attendance was 2,973 with the receipts, after taxes, $5.696.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

Tommy Harrison, 183, ranking heavyweight fighter from the west coast, found a tough customer for his punching ability at the Sioux City auditorium, but punched out a 10-round decision over Murray Burnette, 180½, of Chicago. The bout was the top spot on a combination boxing-wrestling card under the promotion of George Parnassus. In the sixth round Harrison hurt his muscular foe and rocked him several times with solid punches. Burnette did not appear too anxious to trade punches with his opponent, but did manage to open an old cut over Harrison's right eye. The cut bothered him throughout the fight but was never a serious hinderance. Burnett's holding style of fighting caused Harrison to miss some of the best inside punches. A capacity crowd of 5,300 attended. Leo Mahan, referee, scored seven rounds for Harrison and three rounds even. The writer scored eight rounds for Harrison, one for Burnett and two even.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Tommy Harrison, ranking heavyweight fighter spent several days in Sioux City. . . . He was on the TV stations and swamped with radio and press interviews. . . . It proves again, that TV can help boxing . . . it does make the fight fan in smaller areas acquainted with the fighters. . . . Amateur boxing is getting ready to open the indoor boxing season around South Dakota—several towns will hold boxing tournaments and meets throughout the season. . . . Amateur boxers in this area who wish information regarding the Sioux City Journal Golden Gloves tourney can get same by writing to Bill Forbes care of the Sioux City Journal. . . . Alvin A. Naiman, manager of Rocky Castellani, informs us he would like to bring his middleweight to Sioux City. . . . There is no doubt that Castellani would prove another big drawing card here. . . . Another fighter that would draw in these parts is Davey Moore, featherweight, under the management of Lenny Myers. . . . Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, will referee a wrestling card in Sioux City while on tour around the middle-west. . . . Dempsey is still a major attraction in these parts. . . . SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

GIL TURNER had too many guns for Johnny Bernardo when he stopped the latter in the fifth round of a scheduled ten at the Arena in a show promoted by Herman Taylor.

Turner, 152, punched Bernardo, 155-pound local prospect against the ropes until Referee Willie Clark stepped in and called a halt. Bernardo had been making a brave show of fighting back. Right down to the fifth, the underdog waged a courageous battle against a slugging Turner at his best.

Cortez Jackson, 134, a stablemate of Turner's took the eight-round decision over Manuel Batista, 128, a slugger from Portugal, in one of the best fights witnessed here in a long time.

In the preliminaries, Elwood Davis, 137, outpointed Nemny Meeks, 137, in six lively rounds; Jimmy Beecham, 153, hammered out a six-round decision over Ike White, 148, and Frank Logue, 148, came off the floor twice to knock out Billy Danford, 139, in the fourth. All are Philadelphians with the exception of Meeks, a New Yorker.

Joe Wenke, local promoter, opened the 12th consecutive season at the Cambria with Eddie Giosa, 147, scoring his second win over Joe Bishop, 143½, in the eight-round windup. Both Philadelphians. This was Giosa's second victory since his comeback after two years absence from the ring.

Two weeks later, Giosa came back to the same club and won over Don Braun, 147, Baltimore in eight rounds of a closely fought bout.

Cambria preliminaries: Johnny Cook, 148, won over Chico Corsey, 147, six rounds; Jim Wylie, 198, outpointed Johnny Rice, 181 four; Jimmy Soo, 132, knocked out Duke Brooks, 125, in the first and Andy Arel, 135, TKOed Dennis Avant, 135, in the second. All are Philadelphians with the exception of Chico Corsey, who hails from Chester.

Fred Terry, 147½, won over Ike White, 146, in six; Jake Josato, 143, defeated Jesse Barclay, 144½, in four; Johnny Rice, 174½, and Charles Koenig, 166, fought a four round draw and Andy Areal, 134½, knocked out Royal Reyes, 139, in the first. All are Philadelphians.

Johnny Cook, 148, knocked out Manny Stewart, 152, in the second; Jimmy Soo, scored a TKO in the third round over Ike Wilson, 127; James Wiley, 186, won over Eddie Wilson in four, and Billy Abel, 122½, TKOed Bobby Van Dyke, 128, in the second in an all Philahelphia preliminary show.

Johnny Gentile, local welterweight, remained undefeated in 13 pro bouts by taking an unanimous decision over Joey Bishop, 146, Philadelphia, in the eight-round windup at the Cambria.

Gentile outslugged Bishop throughout the bout.

Gentile, a pleasing performer, is in demand in this city and we predict before long he will be in there with the best welterweights. His manager Buck Curcuroto, however, is bringing his charge along at a slow pace for fear of over-matching this local prospect.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

BILLERICA, Mass.—Tommy Collins, Medford featherweight boxer who recently quit the ring to become a Deputy Sheriff in Middlesex County, conducted his first sports show at the Billerica House of Correction. It was a standout performance.

Berlin, N. H.: Tony Percy, 154, Montreal, outpointed Smitty Hicks, 160, Portland, (8).

Boston: Young Tony DeMarco, 2 to 1 prefight underdog, provided one of the top upsets of the boxing season when he outpunched and outpointed Paddy DeMarco, of New York, in 10 bristling rounds at Mechanics Building. After having a bad cut in the first round, which bothered Tony very much, the North End boy came on very strong after the fifth round and had Paddy in a bad way a couple of times.

Eddie Andrews, 154, Lowell, won his third straight fight when he ko'ed Vince Brown, 149, Providence, in the third round. Lew Thrasher, 186½, Roxbury, KO'd Jimmy Tendo, 202, Chelsea, in the first round.

Joe Grimard, 166½, Bath, outpointed Bob Bolton, 159½, Providence (6). Windmill Willie Gray, up-and-coming welterweight who has been going over in a big way with the boxing fans, won his sixth straight over Dave Grant, Boston (6). Carlo Leone, 130½, Roxbury, another good looking prospect, outpointed Merle Olmstead, 130, Springfield (4). Joe Carey, 148, Somerville, knocked out Willie Pollard, 152½, Boston (2).

Worcester: Jackie Wilson, 159, Quincy, gained a unanimous decision over Bob Bolton, 159, Quonset Point, R. I., in the feature eight round fight at Mechanics Hall

Danny Josephs, 140, Providence, drew with Roosevelt Coward, 145, Philadelphia, in the other eight rounder. Gus Montzerde, 144, Fitchburg, former New England amateur titlist, gained a split decision over Jimmy Mattos, 146, Lawrence, (4).

Fall River: Jose Morell, 136, New York, gained a seventh round technical knockout over Bobby English, 138, Fall River, in their scheduled ten round feature at the Fall River Casino.

Portland: Billy O'Boyne, 149½, Old Orchard Beach, stopped Babe McCaron, 148½, Bangorfi (8). Ruby Hilton, 145, Boston, TKO'd Lenny West, 143, Portland, (7).

Worcester: Curley Munroe, 134½, Worcester, outpointed Jimmy (Rocky) Sullivan, in one of the best fights seen in Mechanics Hall for quite some time. It was a humdinger.

Fall River: Bobby Chabot, 126, Fall River, outpointed Jimmy Ithia, 126, New York, (10).

Wilbur Wilson, Roxbury, Mass. welterweight, lost a tough ten round decision to Danny Bang Bang Womber, Chicago, recent winner over Kid Gavilan. Referee Mel Manning scored it for Wilson and the two judges voted for Womber.

In the eight round semi-final, Roger Wiley, 170, Beverley Farms, Mass., looked very good after a year layoff, losing a tough fight to Joe Grimard. Eddie Andrews, Lowell, Mass., is still knocking his opponents out with that right hand. Kayoed Jimmy Peters, 148½, of Worcester, in the third.

Andre Tessier, 161, Springfield, outpointed Willie Gray, 151, Boston, in six rounds.

Rocky Sullivan, 140, Dorchester, looked very good stopping Ivor Olmstead, Springfield, in the first round. Sullivan, a two-fisted fighter who has the Irish look all over his face, can really go when he wants to.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

STEVE MARCELLO, New England welter king, suffered his first loss as a pro at the hands of high ranking Del Flanagan. Marcello, the harder puncher, was puzzled by the unorthodox style applied by the canny St. Paul speedster. Five thousand fans shelled out $12,578 to root for the local boy.

James J. Parker, the former Canadian cowboy now boxing out of Patterson, paid Providence another short visit. Bill Daly's dynamic punching heavy batted a 1000 in his fourth appearance here by icing courageous Jimmy Cerello of Hoboken, N. J.

The big question hereabouts is what is wrong with George Araujo? My humble opion is "lack of aggressiveness." As soon as that is corrected Araujo will regain his high standing in the lightweight division.

Danny Womber (Right) wobbles Wilber Wilson with a hard right to the jaw during the ninth round of their bout at Boston. Womber won a ten round split decision. Both welters.

Willie Wilson remains unbeaten. The local heavy's latest victim was Matt Daniels over the eight round route.

The prospect of the month goes to Don Southern of Newport, a promising welter.

Gordon Perry, local welter, appeared strong chalking up two victories. Ray Pratt, local middleweight, looked good in winning his first start since returning to action after more than two years. Youthful Paul Spitaleri, Central Falls lightweight, is ready for action after six months in the gym.

Belting Billy Burke, local heavy, will soon be heard from.

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Danny Joseph Jr., is improving with each start, has been moved into eight rounders.

Tommy Smith, local middleweight, has a new mentor.

Kenny Davis, West Coast feather, will make his eastern debut here.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

NEW BRITAIN Arena.—The Stanley A. C.'s hope to revive boxing in New Britain hit a terriffic snag when less than 300 fans attended their second show. In the feature Orlando Zulueta, 134, Havana, won as he pleased over shop-worn Bobby English, 137, Fall River, in 10 very interesting rounds.

Stoney Godet, 130, Middletown, TKO'd Johnny Robbins, 132, Stamford. Tobey Silva, 150, Fall River, decisioned Herby Fripp, 151, Bridgeport, in 6. Promising Eddie Swift, 150, Waterbury, flattened Ike Proctor, 154, Hartford, in the first round. Nick De Vano, 121½, Hartford, KO'd Ray Lindsay, 122, Fall River, in the first round.

Foot Guard Hall, Hartford.—Promoter Sam Gulino's first Hartford boxing show was a successful financial venture, if not an artistic one, with 890 fans contributing to a gross gate of $1,965. The main go and semi-final were one round affairs, with Hartford's veteran Johnny Cesario, 148, KOing Mario Perez, 147, Argentina, and Billy Lynch, 130, Hartford, disposing of Ray Thomas, 131, New York.

Waterbury.—Boxing and Irish Pat Mallane made a successful return to this city with 932 fans paying $1,798 for a combined pro and semi-pro show. In the 8 round main event, Mallane, 132, Union City, scored a 5th round TKO over Braxton Reed, 133½, New York. Reed, absorbing a good licking, strained his ankle and was forced to quit in the middle of the round.

Waterbury's new sensation, Eddie Swift, 148, scored his 3rd straight KO by overpowering Lee Faison, 153, Brooklyn, in less than one round.

Encouraged by these returns, Promoters Gulino in Hartford and Paoli in Waterbury plan to run throughout the winter season.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND: In a surprise announcement Duke Stefano of Weehawken, the matchmaker at Laurel Gardens and Meadowbrook Bowl, resigned from that post. Stefano who did a fine job during the three years he was there, just got fed up with the way some of the so colled fight managers were trying to run his job for him. The new matchmaker is Moe Fleischer of Brooklyn, who was associated with Ridgewood Grove for many years.

Monroe Kurtz, popular welterweight from Newark, is now in the Army and is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Ralph Giordano, tough lightweight from Newark's Ironbound section, is out of the Army and will be back in action by the first of the year. Ralph spent two years in Korea.

Ernie Durando, hard punching Bayonne middleweight, moved right back into the title picture by his stunning six round kayo over Charley Humez. Other Jersey boys who boxed out of state the past month didn't fare as well. Eddie Dixon dropped a decision to Tony Anthony, Charlie Slaughter lost to George Monroe, James J. Parker kayoed fellow skeeter chaser Jimmy Cerello, Walter Johnson was stopped by Earl Dennis, Jimmy McMillan lost to Joey Rowan, and Elmo Lincoln drew with Johnny Jenkins.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH: Laurel Garden, Newark; Danny Rubino, 158½, Hoboken, scored a three round kayo win over Joe Serafini, 153, Newark, when Joe was unable to answer the bell for the third round due to a badly cut right eye. One terrific right hand to the jaw by Mickey Rhodes, 152, Boise, Idaho, turned a dull fight into a exciting and sudden ending as he stopped Luis Angel, 150, New York, in the fifth round. Rene Rinaldo, 154, Philadelphia, defeated Jackie DeWitt, 154, Paterson, 4; Al Certisemo, 138, Hoboken, kayoed Jimmy Dickens, 133, Brooklyn, 1; and Horace Wiggins, 143, Newark, halted Ovido Lenoz, 140, New York, in the first.

Dick Cannady, 152, Newark, surprised by outpointing Andy DePaul, 161, Cliffside Park, in the feature eight. Dick floored Andy for an eight count in the third. DePaul announced his retirement following the bout. In an exciting semi-final, Mel Brown, 138, Paterson, kayoed Charley Drexler, 139½, Bayonne, in 2:52 of the fifth round. A straight right to the jaw felled Drexler. It was a close bout till the end. Johnny Long, 138, Elizabeth, defeated Don Cheatum, 134½, Newark, 4; Jackie McCarthy, 160, Brooklyn, kayoed Julio Mattes, 158, N. Y. C., 2; and Andy Figueron, 149, N. Y. C., surprised by stopping Larry Crawley, 144, Westfield, in the fourth.

Emmett Norris, 158, Steelton, Pa., made a success of his local debut by winning a one-sided eight round decision over Willie Johnson, 151, Orange. Norris had too many guns for Willie and won as he pleased. Charley Norkus, 189, Bayonne, punched his way to an easy win over Matt Daniels, 184, N. Y. C., in the co-feature eight. Gene Washington, 163, Elizabeth, kayoed Speedy Clark, 160, Asbury Park, in 1:05 of the first; Al Certisimo, 140, Hoboken, won from Johnny Long, 138, Elizabeth, 4; and Buster Oliver, 163, Asbury Park, scored four knockdowns as he outpointed Stanley Micheaux, 153, Elizabeth, 4.

Wallace (Bud) Smith, 136½, Cincinnati, O., the leading contender for the lightweight title, made short work of Billy Hazel, 140, New York, as he flattened him in 1:44 of the first round. Billy was dropped for a nine count by a flurry of punches. On arising he was draped over the ropes for the full count by a terrific left hook to the jaw. In a bruising semi-final Libby Manzo, 132, Elmhurst, N. Y., outfought Filberto Osario, 127, New York, 6. Lud Giordano, 110, Newark, made a successful pro debut by outpointing southpaw Danny Welch, 124, Newark, 4. Don Cheatum, 132, Newark, outslugged Walter Weiss, 131, Malden, Mass., 4; and Horace Wiggins, 141, Newark, kayoed Ray Jones, 145, Philadelphia, 1:40 of the first. Horace floored Ray twice.

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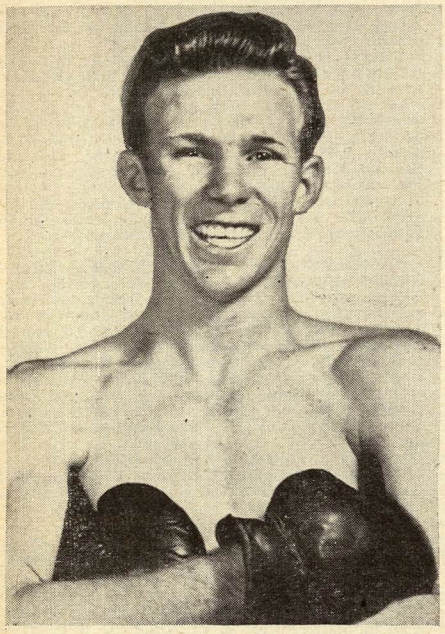
CARRUTHERS SHOWS CLASS

By RAY MITCHELL



Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, world bantamweight champion scored an impressive decision over American Henry Gault in Sydney in the first title bout held in Australia in 45 years.

THE one-sided victory of Jimmy Carruthers, world bantamweight champion, over Henry "Pappy" Gault of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in a fifteen round battle here, proved conclusively that our title holder is in a class by himself. Before a gathering of 35,000 enthusiastic fight fans who were watching the first world championship battle staged in this country since Jack Johnson won the heavyweight crown from Tommy Burns in this city, Carruthers outpointed his American challenger by a wide margin. In only one round, the opening frame, did the visiting bantam give the partisan gathering a scare when he opened a cut over our champion's left eye and it was not until the end of the seventh round that the flow of blood was stopped.

But the gash didn't seem to affect the fighting qualities of the title holder who successfully carried his string of professional victories to seventeen and also retained the crown he had won from Vic Toweel of South Africa by a knockout in the opening round on November 15, 1952.

In a return engagement he stopped Toweel in the tenth round last March 21.

For the first time three judges and a referee were used, with the third man in the ring having no vote. An attempt was made to bring Nat Fleischer, Editor of "The Ring" here to act as one of the judges, but he had sent word that a previous engagement in Buenos Aires prevented his acceptance.

Ron Walden, Jack English and Frank Packer were named as the three officials and each scored the bout in Carruthers' favor by a wide margin. Walden had the bout scored 150 to 106, on the ten points straight system in which the winner of each round received ten and the loser a proportionate number of points. Packer's card was 145 to 106 and that of English, 150 to 106.

At no stage of the fight did the American challenger appear to have a chance of gaining the crown. He and the defending title holder were almost at the same weight, with Gault scaling only a quarter of a pound heavier than Jimmy, 117¾ to 117½.

Carruthers, like Sugar Ray Robinson and Joe Louis when they headed their respective divisions, is finding it difficult to obtain opponents. In America, the only bantam of note is Billy Peacock who has a win over Gault and an effort will be made to get him to make an Australian trip. An offer was made to Robert Cohen, Number One challenger, but the Frenchman, who is the title holder in his country, though the top ranking man of the division among contenders at this writing, turned it down. Gilbert Benaim, his manager, declared that Cohen is not yet ready to tackle the champion. Only two others fit into the championship picture. They are Chamrern Songkitrat, the champion of the Orient who hails from Thailand and John Kelly, the Belfast Irish battler who recently won the British championship. One of these two is most likely to get the next assignment since Carruthers' mentor is of the opinion that either would outdraw Peacock as an attraction. If Jack Solomons can make an enticing offer, Carruthers will go to England to put his crown on the line against Kelly.

Songkitrat's manager has appealed to the National Boxing Association and to "The Ring" Editor to help him obtain the title shot for his boy who has been a sensation in his native land. The bout would be staged in Australia.

Unfortunately Carruthers is too light to mingle with tough featherweights otherwise he would fit in nicely into the feather scramble. The Australian southpaw is one of the best boys developed in his division in many years according to expert opinion of our veteran scribes and sportsmen, but they consider that Sandy Saddler, king of the feathers would be too much to feed lankly Jimmy who had nearly three inches in height on Gault and several inches in reach.

Outside of the flow of claret from the gash above the eye, the fight was all Carruthers in all but one round according to the score cards of the majority of the scribes. Some gave Gault two rounds and one even. Both Judges Walden and English gave Carruthers every round while Judge Packer handed the sixth to Gault.

That round was the American's best. He got in close and pounded Carruthers about the body though he received several stiff blows in return. Two beautiful left hooks to the chin jarred the champion, but that was the extent of the damage.

The rangy Australian title holder piled up his lead as he moved in and out on his shorter opponent and pressed the issue, at the same time delivering stinging punches without getting much in return. His southpaw stance apparently had much to do with Gault's ineffectiveness. He was confused as Carruthers kept tossing long right hand jabs and stinging left hooks to body and jaw. At times he jabbed the American invader at long range and wore him down. Particularly effective was Carruthers with his body attacks.

Though Gault lost, he was not disgraced. Our fight fans were well pleased with his performance. He never let up trying but was outclassed by a better man. The 24 years old American, who had been recommended for the fight by "The Ring" Editor when Robert Cohen had turned the fight down, gave a good account of himself. He was defeated as Nat Fleischer when he "okeyed" the match, had predicted he would be.

It was Carruthers' first fighting appearance as a world champion before the home folks and he received a royal reception both before the fight and after his splendid triumph at the Sydney Sports Ground. The fans, paying from an equivalent in U. S. currency of $1.12 for an ordinary seat to $21 for a ringside seat, contributed the huge sum of approximately $135,450 in American figures. Of this the defending champion received $40,000 and Gault $7,500 plus round trip fares for himself and his manager.

After the fight, Carruthers praised the fighting qualities of his foe. He said: "Pappy is a grand fellow. He fought well and hard. He gave me a grand fight. These American boys who come to our country sure can fight. I'd like to go to the States if they can find proper opponents and can pay what I feel I can get in England South Africa or here. I'd enjoy such an American trip."

Gault, the American who works as a mail clerk for his home city newspaper when not fighting, asked to comment on Carruthers' victory, said:

"It was a pleasure to fight him and to lose to such a great and gallant champion. He should hold the title for a long time."

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

BERLIN: Gerhard Hecht, German light heavyweight champion, and Karel Sys of Belgium, former European heavyweight champion, fought a ten round draw. In the seventh round, Sys was dropped by a hard right hook, but rose without a count and fought back strongly in the eighth.

The show was promoted by Joachim Gottert and held at the Sportspalast with a capacity crowd of 8,000 in attendance.

Al Mobley was disqualified in the fourth round of his bout with Germany's light and welterweight champion, Werner Handke. Guenther Hase outpointed Vogel in a four round welter scrap. Toni Gruber (Stuttgart) was kayoed in five by Victor D'Haes, Belgian light heavyweight. Max Resh (Stuttgart), making his pro debut, kayoed Heinz Remet of Berlin in two.

Berlin: Heinz Kapke was beaten by Gunter Hase in two rounds, the referee stopping the fight. Gerhard Mohl, Braunschweig, kayoed Paul Vogel in three rounds.

Hans Obermeier shared points with Robert Graffron over six rounds. Ernst Zetzmann (Stuttgart) beat Horst Garz (Magdeburg) in a six rounder. Max Resch kayoed Hentrich (Halberstadt) in three heats. Hans Freidrich (Westfalen) lost to Piet Wilde of Belgium on points over eight rounds. Karl Heinz Bick lost on points to Belgian feather champ, Louis Cabo, over eight rounds.

Luxenbourg: Robert Eugene of Belgium kayoed Werner Wiegand in four rounds.

Bremen: Heinz Rumke (Hildesheim) lost on points to Claus Miska (Solingen). Amandus Spitzkopf (Hamburg) beat Chomuntowski (Hamm) on points. Franz Szuzina of Bremen outpointed Hans Baumann of Duisburg over ten rounds.

Essen: Karel Sys of Belgium beat the German heavyweight hope, Guenther Nurnberg of Hamburg, at the Dubois Arena. In the second round, Nurnberg was down three times for counts of nine and took a similar trip in the third round.

Karl Heinz Buecher of Essen outscored Gerhard Wenzel of Bochum over six rounds. Hans Baumann of Solingen was kayoed in one heat by Heinz Sachs of Krefeld.

Robert Eugene of Brussels lost on points to Hugo Salfeld over eight rounds. Emil Koch (Wuppertal) outpointed Frank Neven of Belgium over six rounds.

Bielefeld: Max Machon promoted the first boxing show in this town since 1951 and with a crowd of 8,000 in attendance it proved a success.

Hector Constance of Trinidad won a ten round decision from Heinz Sanger of Celle. Herbert Glaser kayoed Scheren of Belgium in three rounds. Hoehmann of Stuttgart outpointed Moll of Braunschweig over six rounds. Bick of Dortmund outpointed Fritsch over six. Friedrich of Dortmund kayoed Berra of Belgium in five rounds.

Krefeld: Hans Scherbaum narrowly outpointed Norbert Sapion over four rounds. Paul Chomuntowski lost a close four round decision to Heinz Schroeder. Willie Gelhaar was clearly outscored by Gert Mueller over six heats. Heinz Sachs drew with Winfried Henne over eight rounds. Harry Moeller drew with Albert Mueller over six rounds.

NOTES FROM BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

ROSARIO: Jose Maria Nunez, 150, stopped Baby Tigre, 148, in six rounds.

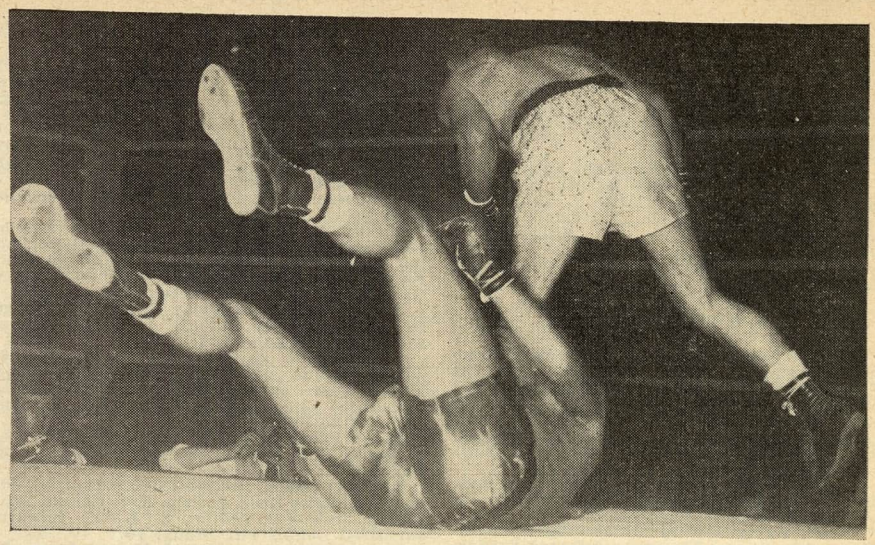
Mar del Plata: Oscar Baez, 143, fought a draw with Hector Fernandez, 143, and undefeated Alfredo Ramirez, 125, decisioned Ignacio Aguilera, 125.

Rosario: Antonio Mommez, 168, decisioned Eleuterio San Leon.

Martinez: Jose Perez of Spain, 137, easily outpointed Orlando Astorga, 141.

Bahia Blanca: Alfredo Brunetta, 124, stopped Humbreto Perez, 127, in the third round.

Comodoro Rivadavia: Emilio Pellegrino, 139, outpointed Edgardo Nagrala.



A real upset! Charley Humez, a middleweight, lands flat on his back and is knocked out by Ernie Durando in the sixth round of their fight in Paris. It was the first kayo suffered by Humez in 69 pro fights.

Luna Park: Alfredo Prada successfully defended his lightweight title by knocking out Jose Maria Gatica in the sixth round.

Mar del Plata: Francisco Espelucin, 139, stopped Hugo Benitez, 139, in the fourth round.

Necochea: Antonio Diaz scored a good win ver Miguel Muchesi, 164, in a ten rounder.

Cordoba: Marcelo Tejero, 126, decisioned Reyes Gil Sosa, 126.

Luna Park: Miguel Rodriguez, 159, scored a stunning upset by knocking out previously undefeated Jose Santiago, 160, in the sixth round. Luis Maffei outpointed Luis Lecese.

Cordoba: In an exciting fight, Humberto Madriaga, 139, knocked out Jose Lopez in the second round.

Lomas: Roque Romano decisioned Ernesto Richeti, 160.

Bahia Blanca: Oscar Flores, 147, outpointed Roberto Giminez, 147.

Luna Park: Antonio Pacenza, 174, outpointed Vicente Queiros, 178, and Antonio Acita, 204, decisioned Mario Perez, 198, both in ten.

Mar del Plata: Frederick Thompson, 145, easily outpointed Adolfo Igriega, 149, in ten rounds. Emilio Peirano, 128, drew with Renati Rossi, 134.

Cipolleti: Alfredo Bruneta scored another victory against Jose Santin, 128, in ten rounds.

Luna Park: Alfonso Moreno, 146, won a close decision over Adalberto Ochoa, 146, removing him from the undefeated class. Alberto Lange decisioned Edgasto Barro, 144.

Rosario: Silvestre Jerema knocked out Angel Rodriguez in the fifth round.

Luna Park: Eduardo Lausse, 160, dropped American Jimmy Beau three times in scoring a first round knockout.

Bahia Blanca: Lalo Landoni, 165, knocked out Pedro Graciano, 165.

Mar del Plata: Tito Janny, 162, knocked out Aquiles Gregorutti in the fifth round.

Comodoro Rivadavia: Rafael Azuaga and Edgardo Nazala, both 135, remained undefeated when their bout went to a draw.

Bristol Stadium: Tito Janny knocked out Elpidio Gonzalez in the second round. Raul Dinizio, 148, outpointed Pedro Diaz, 150, and Renato Rossi, 124, outscored Jose Santin, 126.

Cordoba Sport Club: Roberto Castro, 120, decisioned Osvaldo Vargas, 120.

Luna Park: Aldalberto Ochoa, 146, outpointed Jose Valdes of Spain, 144, in a twelve rounder. Mickey Purecione, 124, knocked out Emilio Peyrano, 125.

Bristol Stadium: Oscar Flores, 148½, outpointed Roberto Jiminez, 145, in ten rounds, and Alfredo Ramirez drew with Mario Hoyos, 128.

Loma Park: Undefeated Remolino Romano, 150, outpointed Jose Alvarez over ten rounds.

Ebro Stadium: Espinaca Pons, 146, decisioned Italian Dino Cartigliani, 148, in ten rounds.

Bahia Blanca: Oscar Schiavelli, 148, outpointed Baby Tigre, 150, in ten rounds.

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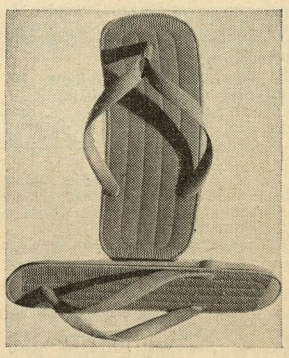

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RATINGS

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Nocero defeated Rocky Fusco, 6. Billy Brown beat Eddie Andrews, 6. Andrews kayoed Mike Kelly, 1. Jack McCarthy beat Gerry Tessier, 6.

Tanny Campo decisioned Fred Sullivan, 10. Chico Vejar beat Ronnie Harper, 10. Danny Rubino whipped Johnny Darby, 8. Tony Percy halted Roland LeMayone, 5. Charlie Cotton stopped Billy Sudduth, 4. Billy Brown stopped Allen Turner, 5. Johnny Bernardo kayoed Emmy Tucci, 4. Phil Rizzo kayoed Adrian Hefel, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Freddie Dawson halted Alfie Sands, 7. European Champion Gilbert Lavoine edged out Leo Starosch, 10, and drew with middleweight Claude Milazzo, 10. Del Flanagan outpointed Steve Marcello, 10. George Barnes won vacant Australian title by outpointing Pran Mikus, 15. Mikus previously drew with Ivor (Kid) Germain, 12.

Lester Felton defeated Luther Rawlings, 10. Danny Womber beat Wilbur Wilson, 10, but lost to Ramon Fuentes, 10.

Chuck Davey lost to middleweight Al Andrews, 10. Ramon Tiscareno defeated Freddie (Babe) Herman, 10, and halted Joe Fisher, 2. Jed Black beat Carl Stafford, 8, and Ike Williams, 10. Johnny Cesario kayoed Mario Perez, 1.

Mario Trigo drew with Frankie Fernandez, 10. Vinnie DeCarlo kayoed Baby Ike, 7. Johnny McCray kayoed Johnny Capitano, 3. Mickey Rhodes kayoed Al Lariviere, 2, but lost to Joe Fusco, 6.

Maurice Harper whipped Clarence Sampson, 8, and Sammy Saunders, 10. Sauveur Chiocca beat Danny Joe Perez, 10. Oscar Reyes stopped Lou Gage, 7, and Vinnie DeCarlo, 7.

Danish Champion Chris Christensen decisioned Portuguese Champion Raphael Da Sylva, 12. Eddie Giosa beat Don Braun, 8. Braun also lost to Jackie LaBua, 8. Jay Anderson defeated Larry Baker, 6. Billy Lauderdale beat Bill Neri, 8, and Basil Marie, 10.

Rocky Casillo kayoed Danny Giovanelli, 10. Johnny Gentile beat Joey Bishop, 8. Allie Gronik defeated Johnny Brown, 8. Salvador Davila ko Manel Rocha, 2.

Johnny Brown stopped Nunzio Ferrara, 5. Sixto Gonzales stopped J. J. Ruiz, 7. German Champion Werner Handke won on disqualification from middleweight Al Mobley, 4.

Gene Parker whipped Nate Huskey, 10. Roosevelt Coward drew with Danny Joseph, 8, and beat Danny in return, 8. Fritz Van Kempen whipped Alois Brand, 8. Emerson Butcher kayoed Tony Grosse, 4.

Armando Muniz stopped Mario Conde, 5, and beat Armando Lara, 6. Fredrico Thompson beat Adolfo Igriega, 10. Billy O'Boyne stopped Babe McCarron, 8.

Jackie O'Brien beat Mel Bartholomew, 10. Gordon Perry kayoed Clarence Williams, 2. Pat Lowry edged out Sammy Rodgers, 8, and Alfredo LaGrutta, 10. Johnny Cooke stopped Manny Stewart, 2. Maurice Van Putten halted Guy Toupe, 6.

Fred Terry beat Ike White, 6. Star Gony outfought Somdez Yontrakit, 10. Johnny Pape beat Tommy Hatcher, 6. Claude Fortin whipped Rocky DuFour, 6.

Chuck Adkins kayoed Jimmy Sparks, 3, and beat Eddie Brant, 6. Don Southern stopped Norman Shaw, 2. Claude Lapourielle decisioned El Djouer, 4.

Rocky Caballero beat Gallito Gonzalez, 8, and stopped Burt Kinney, 3. Kinney beat Jesse Hernandez, 8. Georges Macaire drew with Rene Lacase, 10, and whipped Charles Dhery, 10.

Piet Van Klaveren stopped Hans Nesemann, 6. French Champion Robert Guivarch stopped Theun Brommer, 4, and drew with Valere Benedetto, 10. Alois DeWulf flattened Albert Muller, 3, and Kid Dussart, 6.

Ernst Zetzmann decisioned Gerhard Wenzel, 6. Turkish Champion Garbis Zakaryan stopped Titi Clavel, 2. Clavel came back to draw with Gilbert Ussin, 10. Lew Lazar halted Terry Ratcliffe, 10.

Kid Gavilan retained his title by whipping Johnny Bratton, 15. Chico Varona stopped Amen Peck, 7. Claude Fortin stopped Denis Jacques, 3. Rudy Martinez whipped Art Brown, 6. Pat Manzi drew with Gerry Dreyer, 10. Tommy Maddox beat Stonewall Jackson, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Jimmy Carter retained his title by stopping Armand Savoie, 5. Wallace (Bud) Smith kayoed Billy Hazel, 1. Arthur Persley defeated Henry Davis, 10.

Ralph Dupas drew with Phil Kim, 8. George Araujo lost to featherweight Teddy Davis, 10. Jacques Herbillon became new French champion by flattening Jacques Prigent, 9 and followed up by whipping Moussa Said, 10.

Eddie Chavez defeated Bonnie Espionsa, 10. Brian Kelly whipped Richie Crump, 10. Louis Carrara scored upset decision over European Champion Jorgen Johansen, 10 (non-title) 10, but was beaten by Auguste Caulet, 10.

Glen Flanagan whipped Joey Clemo, 10. Eddie Compo defeated Henry LaSane, 8. Ludwig Lightburn kayoed Conrado Costanon, 5 and Hielero Ortiz, 7. Roland Dumoutier won from Robert DiMayo, 10.

Manny Mardid defeated Aberdeen Lynch, 10. Ray Fitten outpointed Bluey Wilkins, 12, but lost to Americo Agostini, 12. George Monroe whipped Charlie Slaughter, 10. Felice Gallo drew with Silvio Roteglia, 8.

Jose Morell halted Bobby English, 7. George Berry kayoed Joey Gurrola, 10. Jesse Underwood defeated Bob Bickle, 10.

Al Juergens kayoed Carlos Camacho, 6. Alfredo Prada kayoed Jose Gatica, 6. Doug Medley beat Jose Alvarez, 10. Gorilon Ortiz outpointed El Conscripto, 10. Ignacio Asencio beat Emilio Figueroa, 10.

Frank Flannery polished off Alfredo Flores, 5. Bobby Why kayoed Aladino Gusman, 1. Al Duarte beat Guy Langlois, 6.

Laouari Godih trounced Taki Ziyaris, 10, and outfought Rene Bolivia, 10. Bolivia also lost to Mohamed Tedjini, 8. Richie Howard outscored Dennis Pat Brady, 10.

Ronnie Stribling stopped Kenny Lane, 2. Jesse De Hoyos outpointed Manuel Beltran, 10. Don Jordan stopped Marvin Smith, 5. Ludwig Petri outfought Jan Maas, 10.

Bolo Montes stopped Johnny Ephan, 8. Gilberto Muniz whipped Ramon Carrillo, 6, and Joey Perez, 6. Floro Hita beat Rudy de Hoyos, 10. Pat Mallane stopped Braxton Reed, 5.

Earl Dennis kayoed Walter Johnson, 1, and beat Ozzie Andrews, 6. Arturo Vazquez stopped Chico Martinez, 6. Billy Lynch kayoed Roy Thomas, 1.

Rino Bernardini decisioned Paolo Cipriani, 6. Memo Diaz stopped Martin Morales, 10. Buddy Evatt beat Ramon Carrillo, 6. Rocky Randall beat Hector Bacquette, 8, then kayoed him in 2.

Jose Arguelles won on disqualification, 9, from Marcelino Pena. Giovanni Paini whipped Mario Rosselini, 8. Libby Manzo whipped Filberto Osario, 6.

Mohamed Messadoui outfought Serge Cuestermans, 8. Cuestermans also lost to Jean Ruellet, 10. Tommy Marciano defeated Manuel Baptista, 8. Tommy Roberts halted Fredrico Escalero, 5.

Poppa Brown beat Murray Vinje, 6. Saad Moussa halted Nicola Funari, 3. Jean Labalette and Francis Bonnardel drew, 10. Jimmy Hackney beat Ray Jefferson, 6.

George Monroe stopped Reuben Davis, 3. Ben Miloud defeated Houston Brown, 10. Isaac Logart whipped Miguel Mendivil, 12. Don Jordan kayoed Marvin Smith, 5. Bobby Woods defeated George Berry, 10. Wilbert Robinson stopped Bobby Singleton, 5. Gilberto Muniz won from Frankie Cockrell, 5.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Teddy Davis outpointed lightweight George Araujo, 10. Baby Ortiz whipped Manuel Rivera, 10. Ray Famechon outsmarted Sammy McCarthy, 10. British Empire Champion Roy Ankrah and Manolo Garcia declared no contest, 10.

Rudy Garcia outpointed Auburn Copeland, 10. Humberto Carrillo whipped Juan Leanos, 12. Michel Bernard whipped Andre Meraint, 10.

Jackie Graves scored over Larry Mujica, 10. Tomas Castillo kayoed Martin Rodriquez, 7. Spanish Champion Jose Hernandez flattened Hans Schomig, 4.

Don Webber whipped Fernando Gagnon, 10. Harold Gomes kayoed Bobby Chabot, 5. Harry Smith decisioned Jimmy Ithia, 8, and Jimmy DeMura, 6, then drew with DeMura, 6.

Mercy Luna defeated Pancho Bolanos, 10. Manny Castro whipped Davey Allen, 8. Roy Hernandez outpointed Chebo de la Torre, 10.

Bobby Courchesne kayoed Jerry Kortright, 7, and beat Baby Beau Jack, 8. Jacques Bataille demolished Jean Archambault, 6. Ray Majia kayoed Chato Vazquez, 2, and drew with Nicho Blanco, 10, and Felipe Sosa, 10. Sosa defeated Manuel Ramirez, 10.

Javier Gutierrez outpointed Australian Champion Elley Bennett, 12. Jackie Turpin whipped Joey Paniagua, 6. Dave Rollins beat LeRoy Richards, 6. Hector Arenas kayoed Pedro Pina, 1.

Henry Luera drew with Bobby Garza, 8. Ike Chestnut drew with Al Tisi, 8. Vinnie Caldrone whipped Tony Amabile, 6.

Hughie O'Rourke beat Billy Sheridan, 6. Kid Chameche beat Tacho Martinez, 10. Kildo Martinez beat Alex Fimbres, 6.

Joe Maldonado beat Jimmy Hairston, 6, and kayoed Russ Tague, 1. Mario Montecon beat Pancho Velasco, 10. Jacques Dumesnil and Pierre Carrara drew, 10. Kid Ponce stopped Carroll Genshaw, 7.

Bobby Ros whipped Jesus Aguerri, 8. Stoney Gaudette stopped Vic Pare, 2. Altidoro Polidori whipped Gaetano Annaloro, 8. Italian Champion Duilio Loi whipped Valde Fusaro, 10.

Belgian Champion Louis Cabo whipped Karl-Heinz Bick, 10. Terry Book stopped Curtis Orr, 4. Marcel Ranvial stopped Tony Say, 2. Stan Skinkiss scored upset kayo over Freddie King, 3.

Tony Longo stopped Jimmy Cooper, 8. Charley McGarrity beat Bobby DuFour 6. Puppy Garcia stopped Charlie Titone, 2, and whipped Sonny Leon, 10. Tommy Bane kayoed Elmer Britt, 3. Mickey Mares beat Herky Kaminsky, 6. Stoney Gaudette whipped Al Duarte, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Billy Peacock defended his American crown by stopping Johnny Ortega, 9. Robert Cohen won easily from Dante Bini, 10. Raton Macias won the vacant Mexican title by outpointing Beto Couary, 12.

Eddie Carson retained Scottish title by whipping Hugh Riley, 12. Otillo Galvan defeated Alex Santoy, 10. Oscar Torres defeated Buddy Baggett, 10.

Jose Lopez stopped Aurelio Rivero, 4, and whipped Lino Botello, 10. Fernando Gagnon lost to featherweight Don Webber, 10. Raul Solis stopped Roberto Razo, 4, and beat Luis Villa, 10. Manuel Armenteros kayoed Lucio Gonzales, 1, but lost to Luis Castillo, 10.

Ilario Tanelli decisioned Tino Cardinale, 8. Flash Elorde won over Noborn Tanaka, 10. Australian Champion Bobby Sinn stopped Billy Richards, 10. Raytranco Boy stopped Ben Dayrit, 8.

Michel Omari whipped Henning Jensen, 6. Kevin James halted Panama Flash, 9. Ogli Tettey lost to Palazon, 8. Al Custer outpointed Kid Ocampo, 6.

Stan Sobolak halted Cosimo Pezzuto, 6. Letterio Petilli drew with flyweight Nazzareno Gianelli, 8. Perico Palacios kayoed Baby Marroca, 1.

Donato Calabrese won from Nino Morabito on disqualification, 4. Arthur Emboule decisioned Andre Jasse, 10, but lost to Gianni Zuddas, 10. Smiling Bebero defeated Young Fernandez, 10.

Italian Champion Mario D'Agata flattened Pierre Gress, 10. Hilaire Pratesi stopped Edmond Moletto, 6. Kim Navarro decisioned Juan Cardenas, 8.

Jean Kidy whipped Marcel Mathieu, 10. Jacques Colomb outfought Luigi Fasulo, 10, but was stopped by Robert Meunier, 9. Stan Sobolak won from Moncef Fehri, 6.

Titleholder Jimmy Carruthers defended his crown by winning a decision over Henry (Pappy) Gault, 15. Sergio Penalver stopped Israel de Armas, 6. Casey Jones beat Gebo Lopez, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Yoshio Shirai retained world title by outpointing Terry Allen, 15.

Tanny Camp decisioned Fred Sullivan, 10. Unbeaten Dai Dower ran his pro streak to eleven straight wins by outpointing Henry Carpenter, 8, and stopping Joe Cairney, 4.

Kid Dynamite stopped Teddy Fitzgerald, 6; beat Fitzgerald in return match, 12, and halted Mickey Roberts, 10. Rusty Ginete beat Small Dundee, 10.

Nazzareno Gianelli drew with bantamweight Letterio Petilli, 8, and edged out Robert Mouginot, 8. Negros Boy drew with Dommy Villegas, 6. Small Gorry whipped Dixy Logan, 6.

Jesus Lastre beat Orlando Rodriguez, 6, and drew with Tommy Vega, 6.

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NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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unwound a terrific punch to the chin. Hefner ducked and Simunovich collected the full force of the blow, falling an easy victim to the body press of Hefner. Raines has now challenged Hefner and Littlewolf to a return battle and wants to choose his own partner for the match.

Classy Don Beitelman continues to shine as one of the greatest prospects seen in Australian rings for several years. His only loss to date has been at the hands of Dick Raines when the rough house Texan gained assistance from long-haired Johnny Moochy, during the encounter.

Another group of Australian wrestlers is busy packing bags for a trip to India. Tiger Ray Holden, who has just joined the ranks of the benedicts, will lead the contingent and several first class matmen are expected to make the trip.

A new promotional enterprise is starting in Australia and will present both boxing and wrestling in various parts of the country. Art Mawson is at the helm and he is assisted by Ron Casey.

Although the 1953 wrestling season has only about a month to run, the tempo of the sport has speeded up and fans are witnessing some of the fastest and roughest bouts of the season. Lucky Simunovich, Dick Raines, Don Beitelman, Dutch Hefner, Johnny Moochy and Chief Littlewolf are still amongst those present while several of the local wrestlers including Leo Jensen, current holder of the Australian Heavyweight Championship, are expected to show their wares shortly.

Another local matman awaiting his chance to display his talents, is big Wallaby Bob McMaster, the international football star who has been wrestling for some years in English and European rings.

The junior heavyweight division in Australia possesses some of the finest talent in the world and although no importations are brought out at this weight, it is the opinion of most observers that the local products would be able to hold their own against Danny McShain, Billy Raburn, Sonny Myers, Dory Funk and the other highly rated junior heavies. Leading the local pack is spectacular Allan Pinfold while Alf Greer, Stan Andrews, Snowy Dowton, Ken Hawthorne and Rocky Riley are adept at their craft.

WINNIPEG, CANADA

By Cy Louth

THE moustached Manchurian marvel of the wrestling arena, Lu Kim, has Winnipeg followers of the grunt and groan game all agog.

A couple of weeks back he quite easily judo-chopped Sockeye McDonald, 237, Puget Sound, Ore., into submission in 3:20. Last week he returned and defeated Big Ike Eakin, 258, Harlan City, Ken., in 9 minutes flat.

Referee Wally Karbo stopped the battle after Kim, 263, New York, got Eakin into the grip of his famous Manchurian crucifix, a hold which might cause serious and possible fatal injury to an opponent if not quickly broken.

Alex Turk's wrestling cards are growing better as the season progresses and the cash customers are turning out in large numbers.

Head-liner on his latest card saw Billy "Whipper" Watson, 235, Toronto, proclaimed winner over Jumping Joe Pazandak, 232, Minneapolis, after 26:40 of wrestling. However, it was a rather hollow victory. At the end, Joe was leaping gleefully about the ring, thinking he had won, while Watson lay in a corner trying to recover from blows—legal or otherwise—inflicted upon him by the grim and determined Little Sergeant.

The special event saw Sockeye McDonald, who has been unfortunate in Winnipeg rings, go down to defeat at the hands of Farmer Jones, 220, the bewhiskered Arkansan in 21 minutes. McDonald dished out a lot of punishment, but proved no match for the barefooted and nimble Farmer.

Despite punishment to the eyes inflicted by the taped fingers of Lou Petoscia, 230, Toronto, Mike Clancy, 222, Boston, a popular figure with Winnipeg crowds, was able to pin his opponent in 17.20.

The week previous, Dick Holbrook, 245, Long Beach, defeated Frank Marconi, 225, Chicago, in 22.45; Joe Pazandak won over Farmer Jones in 18 minutes, and Hard Boiled Haggerty, 253, New York, almost demolished Bob "Mr. America" McCune in 17 minutes. However, McCune was awarded the match because of tactics which did not comply with the rule book—if there is one for modern wrestling.

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When will the Lu Kim be conquored? That is what is causing Winnipeg wrestling fans great concern. They favor the mighty Manchurian, but they'd like to see him stack up against someone who, at least, would give him a run for his money.

Complete with his Manchurian Crucifix, shuffling Lu returned to Winnipeg on Alex Turk's latest wrestling card, and disposed of Bob Orton in 6.30. It would have been over a lot quicker than that, if his opponent hadn't leaped on a bicycle almost at the sound of the gong and back peddled so speedily that it took Lu a few extra minutes to catch up with him. When he finally did, it was curtains.

In the feature, colorful Baron Michele Leone conquored smiling Irish Tim Geohagen with his famous Italian backbreaker hold.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan W. Copeland

PROMOTER "LOUIS CRAIG" did his best to show Panama fans a very good card during the "Anniversary holidays," but the fans did not respond. A very poor crowd witnessed a very well balanced card that carried lots of surprises.

In the main event of 10 rounds, Panama's Bantamweight Champ, "Melvin Bourne," in an overweight match weighing 122½ pounds, administered a severe licking to "Emilio Figueroa" of Cuba, weighing 127 pounds. Odds were 3 to 1 in favor of Figueroa, but the table turned and the unexpected happened. "Bourne" outboxed, outroughed, and outwitted, the Cuban. Figueroa came here for a series of fights, but he was forced to go back home after his first try. "Bourne" has the makings of a real champion. "Bourne" by unanimous decision winner.

In the semi-final of 6 rounds, "Byron Cumberbatch" won a unanimous decision over "Kid Zefine II." Cumberbatch weighed 118 pounds. Zefine 115½ pounds.

In a 4 round scrap, "Rafael Brathwaite," 126½ pounds, knocked out "Alonso Chase," 122 pounds in 2:24 of round two.

The opener brought together "Al Hostin" 115 pounds and "Melanio Pacheco" 118 pounds. These two gave the fans their money's worth by tossing gloves from bell to bell. The judges called it a draw.

TOLEDO FISTIC HEADLINES

By Hal Grothjan

PAT LOWRY, 142½, Toledo, rallied in the last two rounds to win a unanimous decision over Sammy Rodgers, 141, Benton Harbor, in the eight round main event at Grand Rapids. It was Lowry's 29th win in 33 fights and only his fourth decision. Frank Gerrard, Lowry's pilot, says that Pat is stepping into ten rounders now. In another eight at Grand Rapids, Allie Gronik, tough Detroit welter, showed one of the most unorthodox styles in the ring as he flattened Johnny Brown of Chicago.

Herb Mickles, 1953 International GG lightweight champion, is currently a boxing instructor at Ft. Campbell, Ky., for the army. In eleven service bouts to date, Herb has won them all, scoring nine knockouts. Mickles, a lean southpaw built along the lines of Sugar Ray Robinson, should come out of the service a welterweight and is expected to go places as a professional.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

WITH Ezzard Charles getting in shape for his coming December match with Harold Johnson on the coast, Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati lightweight has "stolen the show" in so far as boxing highlights in this section.

Smith is slated to meet Orlando Zulueta in early December in New York with the winner assured a lightweight title clash with Jimmie Carter early in 1954.

If the local boy goes on to win the crowd, he would become the third Cincinnati boxer to attain a world title, Charles as heavy and Freddie Miller, feather champ, being the others.

The rumor prevails that Cincinnati will play host to a Saturday Night Fight in the near future.

Corp. William J. Thrash of Cincinnati, former Stowe Junior High school athlete is on the 505th Airborne Infantry boxing team of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Thrash, who represented Cincinnati in the 1949 Golden Gloves is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thrash.

Freddy "Stubby" Staub, former good club fighting middleweight of the golden era of the mid-20's died suddenly on October 26. Stubby was 49 years old and a member of the Cincinnati Fire Department, Salvage Corps.

Never a near champion, Stubby was a popular miller and his appearance in the ring always meant fight action for the fans.

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NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

AT Tokio, Japan, Yoshio Shirai, flyweight champion of the world, successfully defended his title over fifteen rounds against Terry Allen, of England, in a bout highlighted by superb boxing ability rather than being a bruising battle. Allen was off his best form and was unable to overcome the fast jabbing of his opponent.

AT BELFAST. John Kelly, Belfast, 117, won the Bantamweight Championship of Great Britain and Europe when he outpointed the holder Peter Keenan, Glasgow, 117, over fifteen interesting rounds. Kelly's southpaw stance had Keenan confused. While Keenan tried very hard to retain his titles, the Irish lad relied upon his clever boxing to gradually run up a winning allotment of points.

Ronnie Clayton, British Featherweight Champion, 128, stopped Billy "Spider" Kelly, Derry, 127, in the ninth of a scheduled ten rounder when the latter suffered a badly damaged nose.

Danny Malloy, Bonnybridge, 145½, won the Scottish Welterweight crowd by stopping Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 145¾, in the fifth of a scheduled twelce rounder. Charlie Hill, Glasgow, 127½, knocked out Jim Fisher, Belfast, 126¾, in the fourth. Tom Meli, Belfast, 161¾, was outpointed by Les Allen, Bedworth, 160½, over eight crude rounds. Jackie Mitchell, Belfast, 162½, won from Frankie King, St. Helens, 158½, the latter being disqualified in the second for an alleged low blow.

EMPRESS HALL, EARLS COURT. Joe Lucy, Bethnal Green, 135, won the British Lightweight Crown by outpointing Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, 135, over fifteen rounds. Lucy fought well and hard to take the decision from the game Bermondsey lad who was always in there trying.

George Walker, Stepney, 174, was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder with Brian Anders, Brighton, 173, for an alleged low blow. It had been a fiercely contested scrap until the unfortunate end.

Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 138, outpointed Jim Tippett, Greenwich, 135½, over six. Johnny Byrne, Bristol, 160¾, stopped Jack Streek, Sidcup, 159, in the second round, the latter receiving a badly damaged eyebrow. Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 129, took a narrow points decision from Charlie Simpkins, Bridlington, 128½, over six. Johnny Apee, Welling, 179¾, won from Mick Cowan, Sutton, 188¼, the latter being disqualified in the fourth for persistent holding.

MILE END ARENA. Arthur Howard, 173½, Islington, stopped Tony Lord, Ashton-under-Lyne, 175, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder, when the latter suffered a badly damaged eyebrow.

Bernie Newcombe, Dagenham, 147, outpointed Santos Martins, Nigeria, 148½, over eight.

Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 139¼, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 145¼, over six.

Charlie Page, Stepney, 143, outpointed Bobby Manito of Clapham, 143, over six bustling rounds.

Reg Fisher, Leyton, 143¼, and George Greenwood, Dagenham, 146½, put up a terrific six rounder before the nod went to Fisher.

Pat Mack, Islington, 149½, knocked out Vic Price, Ipswich, 143½, in the third.

BELFAST. Bill Connor, St. Helens, 136, outpointed Paddy Dowdall, Dublin, 137½, over eight.

Paul Dunne, Dublin, 115¾, stopped Freddie Orr, Belfast, 112¼, in the fifth.

Dave White, Belfast, 117¼, stopped Vernon Solas, Jamaica, 125½, in the sixth.

Pat McAllister, Belfast, 154½, stopped Joe Quinn, Buncrana, 155¼, in the seventh.

Dave Moore, Belfast, 112¾, and Joe Anderson, Belfast, 110, drew over four rounds.

GREAT YARMOUTH. Joey Parsons, Ilford, 180, outpointed Dennis Fewkes, Nottingham, 180, over eight rounds.

Laurie Davies, Nigeria, 143½, stopped Kenny Taylor, Norwich, 136½, the referee calling a halt in the fourth.

Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 161, outpointed Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 160, over six rounds.

Ronnie Ball, Harrow, 143½, outscored Johnny Pipe, Beccles, 143½, over six rounds.

Harry Jay, Hackney, 145½, stopped Eddie Green, Norwich, 143, in the first.

Arthur Hatt, Dagenham, 117½, outpointed Tommy Purcell, Newmarket, 122, over six.

Bob Fellow, Romford, 132, stopped Duggie Dugdale, Great Yarmouth, 131, in the fifth.

BIRMINGHAM. Frankie Parkes, Nottingham, was originally billed to meet Normal Wormall, Birmingham, in defense of his Midland Area Lightweight crown, but a cut eye suffered in training necessitated his withdrawing from the bout and Wormall met a substitute in Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, over eight rounds and won on points.

Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 144, outpointed Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 147, over six rounds.

Teddy Best, Cardiff, 136, knocked out Tom Berry, Nottingham, 135, in the third.

Eric Danks, Birmingham, 186, stopped Johnny Ling, Doncaster, 184, in the fourth.

Eric Maitland, Doncaster, 163, stopped Buck Ryan, Birmingham, 163, in the fourth.

Bert Donaldson, Birmingham, outpointed Jimmy Murray, Birmingham, over four rounds.

GLOUCESTER. Sammy Milson, Radstock, 159, outpointed Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 158½, over eight rounds.

Roger Corbett, Gloucester, 163½, was stopped in the third of a scheduled eight rounder by Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 168, after having taken considerable punishment.

Ken Crawley, Portsmouth, 137½, and Mike Hughes, Netheravon, 136½, drew over six rounds.

Johnny Williamson, 150, stopped Freddie Smith, Weston-Super-Mare, 151, in the fifth.

Roy Davis, Bath, 172¾, outpointed Fred Bray, Theydon Bois, 166, over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Johnny Hazel, Jamaica, 135½, scored a convincing points win over Jimmy O'Connell, Liverpool, 134½, over eight rounds.

Steve Trainor, Manchester, 130½, took quite a shellacking the last round of his contest with Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 129½, but had notched up sufficient points in the previous seven rounds to receive the referee's nod.

Syd Greb, Liverpool, 135, outpointed Billy Cobb, Chesterfield, 134, over six rounds.

William Lloyd, Brecon, 137, stopped Del Willis, Jamaica, 137, in the second round.

Tommy Barnabas, Holywell, 146, outpointed Jack Bentley, Liverpool, 146, over four rounds.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL. "Smiling" Sammy McCarthy (Mile End), 126½, met with his first professional defeat at the hands of Hogan "Kid" Basey, Nigeria, 124¾, over ten sparkling rounds. It was boxing at its best with two clean, clever, and willing lads working at top-speed throughout and Bassey finishing the stronger was able to shade the decision.

Jack Hobbs, Shepherds Bush, 206¼, was taken all the way by Simon Templar, Jamaica, 220, before notching a narrow points win over eight rounds.

Roy Ankrah, Gold Coast, 124, and Juan Alvarez, Belgium, 126½, indulged in a ten round bore, with the nod going to Ankrah.

Albert Finch, Croydon, 176½, showed good form in outpointing Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, 177½, over eight rounds.

Peter Waterman, Clapham, 141¼, stopped Ron Ball, Harrow, 142½, in the fourth session. Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, 119¼, stopped Johnny Barnham, Fulham, 119, in the fourth, when Barnham received a badly damaged eyebrow, and the referee called a halt.

GRANBY HALL, LEICESTER. British and Empire Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell, 215, won a points decision over Uber Bacilieri, Heavyweight Champion of Italy, 193¾, but failed to show outstanding form in doing so.

Johnny Williams, Rugby, 197½, knocked out Fred Powell, 202¾, in the second round.

Jack Darlington, Matlock, 195¾, outscored Bob Gardiner, Market Harborough, 200, over six rounds.

Johnny Cole, Beeston, 126, knocked out Gene Caffrey, Glasgow, 130¾, in the first session.

Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 139¾, stopped Irvin Newton, Doncaster, 137, in the third.

Johnny Griffin, Leicester, 153½, outpointed Art Henry, Jamaica, 152, over four rounds.

NEWCASTLE. Roy Bennett, Salford, 136, punched his way to a very convincing points win over Alby Tissong, South Africa, 133, over eight rounds.

Johnny Hazel, Jamaica, 136, was outpointed by Al Browne, British Guiana, 137, over eight rounds.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL. Stan Skinkiss, Manchester, 129¼, stopped Freddie King, Wandsworth, 126¾, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. King, floored four times, was sent to his corner by the referee to save him from taking unnecessary punishment. Terry Murphy, Canning Town, 161¾, knocked out Tommy Walker, Surbiton, 161¾, in the third session. Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 176½, outpointed Wally Curtis, Swindon, over eight rounds. Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 149¾, outpointed Derek Cook, Chelsea, 145¼, over six. Tony Mancini, Notting Hill, stopped Reg Fisher, Leyton, 143, in the third.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

Up to and including Nov. 15

HEAVYWEIGHT	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHT	WELTERWEIGHT
Don Cockell (E)	Randolph Turpin (E)	Randolph Turpin (E)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
Earl Walls (C)	Yolande Pompee (T)	Gordon Hazell (E)	Hector Constance (T)
Johnny Williams (W)	Alex Buxton (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Wally Thom (E)
Ansell Adams (T)	Dennis Powell (E)	Al Bourke (A)	Peter Fallon (E)
Johnny Arthur (SA)	Albert Finch (E)	Joe Maseko (SA)	Leslie McKenzie (SA)
Jack Hobbs (E)	George Walker (E)	Joe Munro (SA)	Eddie Thomas (E)
Reg Andrews (E)	Jimmy Davis (E)	Wally Beckett (E)	George Barnes (A)
Lloyd Barnett (T)	Al Allotey (SA)	Bruce Crawford (E)	Tommy Burns (A)
Frank Bell (E)	Brian Anders (E)	Alfie Sands (E)	Israel Boyle (SA)
Fred Powell (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Les Allen (E)	Lew Lazar (E)

LIGHTWEIGHT	FEATHERWEIGHT	BANTAMWEIGHT	FLYWEIGHT
Arthur King (C)	Roy Ankrah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
Armand Savoie (C)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	Johnny Kelly (I)	Terry Allen (E)
Joe Lucy (E)	Hogan Bassey (BG)	Peter Keenan (S)	Eric Marsden (E)
Tommy McGovern (E)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Fernando Gagnon (C)	Jimmy Pearce (E)
George Dunn (C)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Manny Kid Francis (GC)	Dai Dower (W)
Tony Habib (SA)	Elly Bennett (A)	Tommy Icke (E)	Vic Herman (S)
Ivor Germaine (BG)	Stan Skinkiss (E)	Eddie Carson (S)	Taffy Hancock (A)
Pat Ford (A)	Sammy Bonnici (Malta)	Mickey O'Sullivan (E)	Joe Cairney (S)
Solly Cantor (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Jimmy Zale (WA)	Marcus Temple (SA)
Al Brown (BG)	Benny Chocolate (SA)	Neville Tetlow (E)	Henry Carpenter (E)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Barbados; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (NZ) New Zealand; (W) Wales; (GC) Gold Coast; (WA) West Africa.

Jackie Keough, Chester-le-Street, 143, took a ten rounds points decision from Malcolm Pidgeon, South Bank, 146.

Bob Hodgson, Seaham Harbour, 129, outpointed Ray Hood, Saltburn, 132, over six rounds.

WALSALL. Eric Davies, Stourbridge, 146, defeated Phil Mellish, Stalybridge, 146¾, the referee calling a halt in the sixth when Mellish had suffered a badly cut eyebrow.

Ronnie Wormall, Birmingham, 136, and Emrys Jones, Trefonen, 135, drew over eight rounds.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Jack Johnson Cofie, 157, Gold Coast, outpointed George Roe, Wolverhampton, 159, over eight rounds of clever boxing.

Des Wilkins, Wednesbury, 156, outscored Denny Bonsor, Wolverhampton, 157, over six.

Johnny Ritchie, Phyl, 140, and Bert Donaldson, Birmingham, 140, put up a rough and tough six rounder before the nod went to Ritchie.

Ken Regan, Blackpool, 145, outpointed Jackie Simms, Mansfield, 148, over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM. Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 194, won from George Stern, Scotland, 209½, in the third session when referee Charles Brennan disqualified the Scot for going down without a "justifiable punch". It was an unfortunate ending to an interesting bout.

Syd Greb, Liverpool, 137, outpointed Geoff Walters, Scarborough, 137, over eight rounds.

William Lloyd, Brecon, 137, outpointed Jackie Dyer, Bolton, 134, over six.

Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 130, stopped Andy Lambert, Manchester, 132, in the third. Charlie Blower, Liverpool, 119, outpointed Tony Ross, Manchester, 122, over four rounds.

BELFAST. Paddy Dowdall, Dublin, 136, was forced to retire in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder with Jim Watson, Glasgow, 139, when he suffered a badly cut eyebrow.

Billy Smith, Bangor, 128½, outjointed John Kenny, Glasgow, 125, over eight rounds.

Paul Dunne, Dublin, 117, outpointed Jackie Foster, Belfast, 113, over eight rounds.

Jim Loughrey, Derry, 110, outpointed Dave Moore, Belfast, 113, over six.

EARLS COURT. Lew Lazar, Oldgate, 145½, won his semi-final eliminator for the British Welterweight Title, when he stopped Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 146, in the tenth and final round, the referee intervening to save Ratcliffe from further punishment.

Jack Hobbs, Shepherds Bush, 209, knocked out Jose Gonzales, Spain, 179¾, in the eighth and final round.

Albert Finch, Croydon, 175¼, and Arthur Howard, Islington, 170, drew over eight rounds.

Dai Dower, Abercynon, 112¼, outpointed Henry Carpenter, Peckham, 112¼, over eight rounds.

Johnny Cole, Beeston, 127¾, stopped Albert McLaughlin, Islington, 129, in the fifth of an eight rounder.

Percy Lewis, Oxford, 126, outpointed Pat McCoy, Ireland, 126¼, over six, while Denis Read, Norwood, 146¾, stopped Gordon Kearns, Shepherds Bush, 144½, in the fourth.

PRESTON. Johnny Sullivan, Preston, 162, knocked out Ron Crookes, Sheffield, 173½, in the third.

Joe Odeyemi, West Africa, 163, knocked out Larry Parkes, Stoke-on-Trent, 155½, in the second.

Bernard Fairbanks, Hanley, 129¾, stopped Harry Lewis, Bradford, 130, in the third. Ivan Hutton, Bacup, 163, stopped Ray Smith, Salford, in the second.

LEITH. Eddie Carson, Edinburgh, 117, successfully defended his Scottish Bantamweight Title when he convincingly outpointed Hugh Riley, Edinburgh, 117, over twelve rounds.

Marshal Bell, Leith, 173½, knocked out Harry Greb, Carlisle, 174½, in the third.

Johnny Beveridge, Kirkcaldy, 134, knocked out Walter Black, Edinburgh, 136, in the second.

Ted Williams, Carlisle, 142, kayoed Syd Cameron, 150, in the first.

WILLENHALL. Les Allen, Bedworth, 158, outpointed Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 154½, over eight rounds.

Philip Edwards, Cardiff, 146½, outpointed Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 146½, over six rounds.

Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 139, outscored Emrys Jones, Trefonen, 138, over six.

Les Garbett, Cannock, 149½, knocked out Fred Archer, Hucknall, 146½, in the third.

Teddy Best, Cardiff, 140, kayoed Dennis Cotten, Stafford, 137, in the first.

STREATHAM ICE RINK. Bobby Dawson, U.S.A., 159½, confirmed two previous victories over Gordon Hazell, Bristol, 160½, when he stopped the Bristolian in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder. Referee Charles Davidson called a halt to the bout after Hazell had taken a long count and was in a bad way.

Yoshio Shirai (left) of Japan, world flyweight champion, bounces a short right off the face of challenger Terry Allen of England, during the thirteenth round of their title bout held in Tokyo. Shirai retained his crown with a fifteen round decision. The bout was the first championship affair ever televised in Japan.

Alby Tissong, South Africa, 127½, stopped Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 127¼, in the fourth session, after dealing out severe punishment and leaving Tucker incapable of defending himself.

Albert Finch, Croydon, 173, stopped Dave Williams, Welsh Lightheavyweight Champion, 175½, in the seventh of an eight rounder, when Williams had received a badly cut eyebrow.

Dinky White, Islington, 161¾, outpointed Charlie Howe, West Ham, 162½, over eight rounds.

Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 190, stopped Peter Toch, Balham, 184, in the third. Johnny Read, Norwood, 160½, stopped Tommy Walker, Surbiton, 159½, in the second. Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 145¾, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 147¼, over four rounds.

EPSOM. Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 157½, knocked out Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, 152½, in the fifth.

Peter Hill, Leyton, 133½, knocked out Joe Odus, Nigeria, 127½, in the first. It was all over in twenty seconds, including the count.

Les Kirk, Finchley, 147¼, stopped Joe White, Croydon, 148¼, in the second round. Jim Lockwood, Deal, 184, outpointed Sid Cain, Watford, 180, over six. Jackie Baker, Uxbridge, 134, outpointed Arthur Sullivan, Camberwell, 139½, over six. George Rogers, West Ham, 126½, outpointed Johnny Powell, Morden, 127½, over six closely contested rounds.

GREAT YARMOUTH. Santos Martins, Nigeria, 147½, scored a well earned win over Eric Davies, Stourbridge, 145, over eight rounds.

Johnny Pipe, Beccles, 141½, outpointed Roy Holt, Ilford, 143½, over six rounds.

Norman Saunders, Dagenham, 149, outpointed Johnny Hunt, Northampton, 142, over six lively rounds. Jimmy Carter, Great Yarmouth, 147½, stopped Vic Price, Ipswich, 141, in the fifth. Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, 135½, outscored Terry Murphy, Hoxton, 134, over six. Fred Balio, West Africa, 153, outpointed Ernie Morton, Mulbarton, 150, over six rounds. Jack Abbott, Huddersfield, 170, outpointed Ted Farmer, Portsmouth, 177½, over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL. Johnny Butterworth, Rochdale, 134, outpointed Sandy Manuel, Nigeria, 135, over ten rounds.

Jim Hockley, London, 179¼, stopped Wilf Glyn, St. Helens, 170, in the fourth.

Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 146, outpointed Eric Billington, Golbourne, 145, over six rounds. Billy Devonport, Bolton, 147, outpointed Cliff Patterson, Manchester, 151, over six. Charlie Blower, Liverpool, 117, stopped Bob Skinkiss, Manchester, 117, in the sixth and last round.

WEMBLEY. Peter Longo, Covent Garden, 159½, stopped Rocco King, Askern, 159½, 1:50 of the first round, the referee calling a halt when King was unable to defend himself. Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, 119½, outpointed Billy Gibson, Fishburn, 117½, over eight rounds. Frank Cassidy, Tottenham, 146½, outscored Bob Manito, Clapham, 146, over six rounds. Tommy Hill, Chiswick, 168, stopped Johnny Hall, Dunstable, 171¾, in the first round. George Greenwood, Dagenham, 147, outpointed Teddy Gardner, Croydon, 147¼, over six.

BELFAST. John Griffen, Belfast, 127¾, outscored Andy Monaghan, Southport, 128¼, over eight rounds. Dan Breen, Belfast, 131¾, stopped Wally Barkess, Bolton, 132, in the sixth round. Ken Regan, Blackpool, 145, stopped Bert Dunlop, Belfast, 151¾, in the second round. Bob Burns, Islandmagee, 163, outpointed Bob Gillespie, Belfast, 164½, over six rounds. Tommy Bleeks, Stewartstown, 137, stopped Jim Burns, Castlewellan, 138, in the first round.

DERBY. Roy Baird, Birmingham, 142, outpointed Hector Constance, Trinidad, 149½, over eight rounds.

Ansell "Baba" Adams, Trinidad, 201¼, outscored Simon Templar, Burton-on-Trent, 222½, over eight rounds.

Jack Darlington, Matlock, 196, knocked out Bill Robinson, Preston, 196, in the second. Johnny Cole, Beeston, stopped Jackie Horseman, Newcastle, in the third. Denny Bonsor, Wolverhampton, 149, outpointed Art Henry, Derby, 144½, over six rounds.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By C. Steele

G. K. GARNETT of Saint John, N. B. was elected president of the Canadian Boxing Federation at the Annual Meeting held in Quebec. Officers elected were, Emile Gauthier, Montreal, First Vice President; R. H. Chandler, Moncton, N. B. Second Vice President; Dr. L. Williamson, Edmonton, Third Vice President; Gene Letourneau, Quebec, National Commissioner and Secretary.

Yvonne Durelle of New Brunswick, retained the Canadian light-heavyweight title punching out a twelve round decision over Gordon Wallace, of Brantfrod, Ontario. Durelle scaled 166, Wallace 167.

Til Leblanc of Moncton, N. B. copped a six round unanimous decision over Clarence Doucet of Westville, N. S. Weights 131 each.

One of the bloodiest battles ever staged on the Gaspe Coast, Billy MacLean, 160 of Bathurst, stopped Kid Delaire, 173 of Montreal, in round three of the scheduled ten round main go, at the Chandler Arena. Delaire was dropped five times in the second and third rounds, and knocked out of the ring with a left hook, and was out cold for an hour. Twelve stitches were required to close cuts on the Montreal fighter. MacLean returned to the ring boxing an exhibition with his heavyweight brother, Howard.

Harvey Hornibrook of Stonehaven drew with Jean Hurad of Quebec, in four rounds.

Newcastle, N. B.: Yvon Durelle, Canadian Light-heavyweight Champion was awarded the ten round decision over Al Winn, fighting out of New York City, in one of the best fights ever staged on the North Shore. Weights were 165 each.

Harry McLean of Bathurst carrying the fight from the opening gong, copped the decision over Roger Whynott, in the eight round semi-final. Middleweights.

Don Spragg of Bathurst, decisioned Harry Hornibrook in six rounds. Welters, and Clarence Malley scored an unanimous decision over K. O. Malley of Chatham in four rounds. Lightweights.

Tommy Spencer of New Waterford, N. S., resumed action punching out a decision over rugged Gary Simon of New Glasgow, in ten rounds of fast hard hitting action, in Pictou County. Middleweights.

Gary Simon was awarded a ten round decision over Roger Whynott, who protested the decision and at a special meeting the Pictou County Athletic Commission upheld the officials decision. Middleweights.

Bathurst, N. B., Harry MacLean stopped Don Trainor of Charlottetown in round eight of the main ten. Trainor furnished stiff opposition for five rounds, down in the sixth and twice in the seventh, and exhausted in the eighth, when forced to quit. MacLean 158, Trainor 156.

Harvey Hornibrook, decisioned Mario Ninni in a six round semi-final rubber match, weights unavailable.

Leigh Morrison copped a split four round decision over Howard MacLean in a rematch. MacLean winning the previous encounter. Heavyweights.

Halifax, N. S., Richie Howard won a split decision over Dennis Pat Brady in ten rounds. Howard forced the fighting throughout seeking a K.O. but the Hartford, Connecticut fighter was too shifty and ring wise to be set up, being content to box all along the route. Lightweights.

Stocky Bob Leadley of Dartmouth stopped Jackie Colbourne of New Waterford, in round two. Middleweights.

More experienced, Leroy Jones of Halifax, outboxed Benny Randall of Sydney for six round. Lightweights.

Buddy Day decisioned Young Izzard in four rounds, both of Halifax.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP by Charlie Parish

SHOCK of the month was Humez's kayo by Ernie Rock Durando. We know now that the Frenchman was not quite fit—but even so! Vermillon upset the French lightweight king Porgent, in a title bout and now the latter will compete as a welter. Johansen got himself a licking from Louis Carnum, who later gained a highly unpopular win over Auguste Caulet. Karel Sys drew with Hecht but deserved more and in another catchweight bout. Hans Stretz drew with Willi Hoepner. Jean Sneyers made the European feathers title all his own by finally licking Ray Famechon.

Gistel, Belgium :—Young Bernard, the Belgian heavyweight comer, got himself in trouble with his Federation by coming in against Hannes Scherbaum, of Germany. The visitor only lasted three rounds but the consequent month's suspension cost the Belge a scrap with Johnny Williams. Helmut Birk, the German welter, was on the same program and chilled his opponent, Matti, in the second frame.

Rome, Italy :—Renato Beccaria failed to put across the payoff against Antonio Ladisi and had to content himself with a points win after six rounds. At Legnano, Felice Gallo continued to impress by holding Silvio Roteglia to a well-earned draw in their lightweight eight. At Arezzo, supporting the Zuddas-D'Agata title bout, won by D'Agata as reported last month, Ilario Tanelli defeated Tino Cardinale in a bantam eight.

Alicante, Spain :—José Hernandez, national feathers king, made short work of the blond German, Hans Schoemig, and creased the visitor in four. At Barcelona, Palazon decisioned the West African bantam, Ogli Tettey, in eight.

Paris :—At the Central Club, young Roland Dumoutier made his Parisian debut by winning over the experienced Corsican lightie, Robert Di Mayo, in ten fast rounds.

Madrid, Spain :—The bout between Manolo Garcia and Roy Ankarah was interrupted by the referee during the tenth round and both men ruled out for lack of combativeness. Later, Ankarah was forbidden ever to box in Spanish rings save for title fights, Garcia was suspended for two months.

Copenhagen, Denmark :—What d'ya know, Joergen Johansen slipped up badly again and lost out on points to up-and-coming young Louis Carrara, a Parisian lightie who had just kayoed Ciccarelli. Johansen showed lack of condition and claimed he had been unable to train properly for this ten-round nontitle affair. Michel Omari, Algerian bantam, was also successful in the Danish capital and easily whipped Henning Jensen in six. Chris Christensen cheered the Danes up by narrowly outscoring the Portuguese champ, Raphael Da Sylva, over twelve rounds in what was called an official semi-final for the right to meet Lavoine. Later, the EBU selected Britain's Wally Thom. Martin Hansen did more or less as he willed with Gino Menozzi, French middle, and won by a mile over eight rounds.

Paris :—At the Salle Wagram, two French middleweight stars of Italian origin, Claude Milazzo and Germinal Ballarin, battled it out over ten torrid rounds, for pride of place after Humez and Langlois. Ballarin is noted as a puncher, Milazzo is more the sober workman of the ring; both gave of their best and suffered badly about the face. Milazzo deservedly won the fight, but Ballarin finished strongly enough, still trying to put across a finisher. Stan Sobolak halted Cosimo Pezzuto in the sixth frame of a bantam bout, and the sixth round also saw the finish of middleweight Michel Aubignat, battered to defeat by the blond and fragile Pole, Cesar Lawnizack.

Istanbul, Turkey :—Garbis Zakaryan, the fast-moving welter king, hit too hard for Emmanuel "Titi" Clavel and obliged the Frenchman to retire at the end of the second round. Laouari Godih, the excellent Algerian lightie, outclassed another Turk, Ziyaris Taki, over ten rounds.

Berlin :—Karel Sys met an opponent of similar tastes when he clashed with cruiserweight Gerhard Hecht at the Sports Palace, packed to the roof. Sys had a pull of two stone on the scales, but the foxy Hecht made up for this by added speed. Both men used every trick and strategem in the book, and the verdict of a draw did not surprise the crowd. Sys easily deserved the decision, however, without any discredit to his lighter foe. Another Belgian, Victor D'Haes, cracked Toni Gruber with a right that finished their cruiser slam in the fifth, and lightweight Werner Handke celebrated his birthday by a win over Al Mobley who was disqualified in the fourth for playing too rough. Max Resch debuted as a pro with a two-round kayo of Heinz Rehmet, local welter, and Guenter Hase decisioned Herbert Vogel in a lightweight four. Guenter Hohmann nodded Nevens of Belgium in a welter six.

Milan, Italy :—Hearty boos greeted the performance of the American heavy, Steve McCall, when he allowed himself to be battered from corner to corner by Aldo Pellegrini. After a desperately poor showing, McCall was counted out in the fifth. Nazzareno Gianelli, flyweight, did well to draw with the much heavier Letterio Petilli in eight, and in two lightweight clashes, Giovanni Paini outdistanced Mario Rosselini in eight and Viarengo nodded Scoccimarro in six.

At Reggio Calabria, Donato Calabrese won by disqualification over veteran Nino Morabito, who struck low in the fourth after leading in this bantam bout.

Rheims, France :—Jacques Herbillon upset the French lightweight merry-go-round by whamming out the current kingpin, Jacques Prigent, at the end of round nine. Herbillon dictated the struggle for most of the time and finally stretched the champion out as the ninth frame was completed. Prigent's corner skied the towel. Michel Bernard whipped Andre Meraint in a feathers ten, and in a welter competition, Claude Lapourielle nodded El Djouer, Ouldami trimmed Bolera and R. Jacqués outscored Crewszenski, all bouts over four rounds. At Neuilly-Plaisance, the promising Armenian, Kervorkian, decisioned Jean-Claude Poisson in a good middles ten, and at Montargis, Bille bested Cyrille Hazebrouck in a feathers eight.

Lille, France :—Gilbert Lavoine found that a hefty clout was not enough to suppress the lively German welter—Leo Starosch—and pulled out all the stops in order to gain the verdict over this difficult opponent, in ten rounds. Jean Archambault, now a sadly worn-out ring veteran, was demolished in six rounds by progressive Jacques Bataille, who came in over the featherweight limit. Lewko beat Berthereau in a welter six and Duponchel drew with Zapliski in a lightweight six.

Paris :—At the Central Club, Marcel Dupré halted Lenoir in the eight heat of a lightweight match, and Belli nodded the Hungarian middle, Lajos Szegedi, over four. At the Stadium, Henri Pageot was lucky to earn a draw with Ledreney in a bantam six. In three lightweight sixes, Julien Rabaini beat Parola, Granger whipped Ducatez and Belarbi trimmed Ben Yaya. At Annemasse, Theo Nollet started off another winning streak by trouncing Perillat in a lightweight ten, whilst Gillet outscored Martin Goma, a Martinique lightie resident in Switzerland. At the Montmartre Club, in Paris, Guy Toupé was knocked out in the sixth round by the mediocre Guadaloupe welter, Maurice Van Putten.

Luxembourg :—Sensation here when Werner Wiegand, giant blond from Dortmund who earned fame locally, was knocked out in the fourth by roly-poly Robert Eugene, who swung a Galento-like right and copped the favorite napping. Jean Serres retained the national cruiser title by defeating young Ray Schmit over twelve interesting rounds, whilst Jean-Pierre Bentz celebrated his pro debut by whipping the Belgian cruiser, Van Damme, in six. Prince Charles of Luxembourg was at the ringside and was introduced to the fighters.

Forli, Italy :—Widmer Milandri regained the national middles title which he lost way

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(Month Ending Nov. 15, 1953)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Karel Sys (B)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Paolo Melis (I)
4. Guenter Nuernberg (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Marcel Limage (B)	Franco Festucci (I)	Idrissa Lione (F)
6. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Heinz Sachs (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Luigi Valentini (I)
7. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Renato Tontini (I)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)
8. Werner Wiegand (L)	Giovanni Alfonsetti (I)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Herbert Glaser (G)
9. I. Johansson (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Mickey Laurent (F)	Robert Guivarch (F)
10. Aldo Pellegrini (I)	William Besmanoff (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joergen Johansen (D)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Robert Cohen (FA)	Louis Skena (F)
2. Werner Handke (G)	Ray Famechon (F)	Maurice Sandeyron (F)	Young Martin (S)
3. Duilio Loi (I)	Ray Grassi (F)	Andre Valignat (F)	Charlie Bohbot (FM)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (FA)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Emile Chemama (FA)	Nazzareno Gianelli (I)
5. Jacques Herbillon (F)	Jacques Bataille (F)	Gaetan Annaloro (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
6. Auguste Caulet (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pierre Cosseymyns (B)	Antonio Diaz (S)
7. Louis Carrara (F)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Andre Jasse (F)
8. Augustin Argote (S)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Emile Delplanque (B)
9. Bruno Visintin (I)	Mohamed Chickaoui (FA)	Dante Bini (F)	Willibald Koch (G)
10. Lahouari Godih (FA)	Sergio Milan (I)	Hein van der Zee (H)	Pierre Andre (B)

LEGEND—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (FM) French-Morocco; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxemburg; (P) Portugues; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden; (FA) French Algeria.

back in 1946 by defeating Sandro D'Ottavio over twelve rounds for the vacant throne. Rino Bernardini thumped out a points win over Paolo Cipriani in a lightweight six.

Paris :—At the Stadium, the new Norman welter hope, Georges Macaire, got a drawn verdict with highly-touted Rene Lacaze, and Sarkissian stopped Dauer in the fourth frame of a lightweight shindig. At Bordeaux, Arthur Emboulé won narrowly over André Jasse in a bantam ten, whilst Richaud halted Esteban in the third of a feathers bout and Henri Ptak checked Berton in the fifth of a lightweight scrap.

Rotterdam, Holland :—Leen Jansen had little bother in disposing of the Belgian middles novice, Arthur L'Ami, in two rounds, and Piet Van Klaveren got a close nod over the German welter, Hans Nesemann who had to retire in the sixth with a cut eye after a fine showing. Ludwig Petri, German lightie star, returned to action with a points victory over Jan Maas, after ten one-sided rounds, and Frits Van Kempen licked Alois Brand in a welter eight. Vicky Vandenberg edged Lewanskowski in a further welter six.

Evreux, France :—Robert Guivarch, officially French welter king but really an obscure character from the backwoods of Normandy, scored a quick victory over the Dutchman, Theun Brommer, who retired in the fourth. At Petit-Quiville, Mohamed Messadoui outfought Serge Ceustermans in a lightweight eight and at St. Malo, Mohamed Tedjini trounced René Bolivia in another lightweight eight.

Ghent, Belgium :—Alois De Wulf, the stiff-clouting Belge with the glass jaw, rammed the German welter, Albert Mueller, with his right in the third frame and that was the end.

Hamburg, Germany :—Willi Hoepner came to the end of his kayo run here when he was held to a draw by the brilliant middles king, Hans Stretz, after a great fight displaying technique and punch. The verdict slightly flattered Stretz. In three cruiser clashes, Heinz Sachs stopped England's Johnny Barton in the fifth round of a whirling, savage affair, Guenter Balzer drew with Guenter Sladky, and William Besmanoff checked Karl Ameisbichler in the eight. This last was a tremendous battle, with the Austrian nearly kayoed in the fifth, and at last the referee broke off the fight in the eighth after Karl had taken further trips to the canvas. Ernst Zetzmann decisioned Gerhard Wenzel in a welter six.

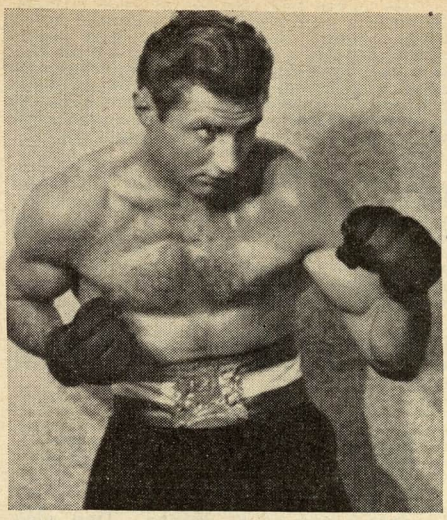
Paris :—At the Salle Wagram, Jacques Dumesnil and Pierre Carrara disputed leadership of the Parisian feathers line-up. After a brilliant bout, Dumesnil copped the decision by virtue of his speed and versatility. Jacques Dugenie decisioned Bernard Adam in a welter eight and Hilaire Pratesi stopped Edmond Moletto in the sixth stanza of a bantam sort-out.

Verviers, Belgium :—Jean Kidy, rising local bantam, scored an impressive win at the expense of Marcel Mathieu, former French champion, over ten rounds.

Rome, Italy :—Franco Festucci was surprisingly given the decision over the clever cruiser, Don Ellis, after ten level rounds. Ellis led early but the Italian came thru with an impressive finish which swung the jury in his favor. Altidoro Polidori confirmed his superiority among co-nationals by boxing a brilliant win over Gaetano Annaloro in eight rounds, whilst Giovanni Alfonsetti outpointed game Mario Crisostomi in a cruiser eight. Saad Moussa, new Tunisian star, halted Nicola Funari in the third round of a lightweight dispute and Borraccia drew with Enrico Macale in a feather six.

Bruges, Belgium :—Piet Wilde, Belgian heavyweight champion, gained revenge against the young German comer, Hans Friedrich, by edging out a close points win after ten rounds. Karl-Heinz Bick of Germany was also a narrow loser, in this case to Louis Cabo, Belgian feathers kingpin.

Chambery, France :—Jacques Colomb, that promising young Savoy bantam hope, proved too strong and fast for the Italian, Luigi Fasulo, and won over ten. At Dunkirk, Marcel Ranvial upset Tony Say by stopping the former Parisian feathers star in two rounds. In two welter clashes, Sylvain Therouse iced Mathis in six and Gherardin nodded Julien Rabaini over eight. The Spaniard Domingo was victorious at Limoges, where he nodded Granet in a lightweight ten, and at Tunis, Mohamaed Tahar whipped Idrissa Diop in a heavyweight ten. Supporting bouts saw Bill Jo Cohen get the nod over Tony Feliciano in a middles ten and Brahim le Noir whip Lumbacca in a flyweight six.



Wim Snoek, Dutch light heavyweight champ, who won his title from Willi Schagen at Amsterdam. Since then Wim has defeated Winnfried Henne and Albert Finch.

Paris :—Ray Seneca, modest middleweight, came thru with an upset when he trounced the local favorite, Umberto Paccagnella, in eight. At the Mutualité, featherweights ruled the roost. Mohamed Chickaoui was most impressive in chilling robust Lucien Meraint with a left hook in the third stanza of the main bout. In the quarter-finals of the Eugene Criqui Belt Competition, Collin beat Elodon, Louis Poncy stopped Belarbi in the seventh, Jean Bichot whipped Lemaire and Salvator Vangi trimmed Desmeules. All bouts scheduled for eight rounds.

Tourcoing, France :—Bob Marcel, Belgian bantam, licked Serge Lamotte in a bantam eight and another Belgian visitor, Jean Davis, whipped Roland Lamotte in a feathers eight. At Nice, Bruno Tripodi stiffened the Franco-Pole, Alex Wrotny, in the eighth of their middles argument. At Elbeuf, Jean Julien returned to action with a good points win over Roger Gade in a welter ten, and at Bayeux, Galloin nodded Jo Martin in a bantam eight. Andre Briend whipped Marcel Livet in a middles eight at Vannes.

Paris :—Gaston Vandemeulenbrouck won by disqualification over Constant Alcantara at the Montmartre Club, when Alcantara clung rather too much during the seventh frame of their middles clash. R. Gillet beat Geoffroy in another middles eight. At the Central, Hoacine Khafli was too strong by far for the game Pole, Roman Dabrowski, in his last bout before going to the States. The Algerian lightie punished the Pole and forced his retirement in the sixth. Marcel Dupré stopped Said Belhout in the fourth of another lightweight fray and Roger Busata checked another Pole, Jean Kawa, in the opening stanza of a flyweight argument.

Paris :—Jean Labalette and Francis Bonnardel, old rivals in the lightweight division, met once more at Salle Wagram and this time they shared the honors after an excellent ten. Previously, Labalette had beaten friend Francis. Jean-Claude Poisson trimmed Edouard Kevorkian in a middles eight and André Younsi, promising youngster, laced Jacques Legendre in a feathers eight. Zambujo bested Felix Chiocca, brother of Sauveur, in a lightweight six.

Brussels :—Jean Sneyers once more became the pride and joy of his countrymen when he filched the European feathers crown from the reluctant grasp of Ray Famechon after an excellent fifteen-rounder at the Palais des Sports. Ray had been champion for five years and had the consolation of losing to a worthy successor: Sneyers got a narrow edge on the champ and it was more by style than by force that he overcame Famechon.

In two cruiser bouts, Marcel Limage stopped the strong and gallant Spaniard, Ramon Martinez, in the sixth owing to cut eyes and Jean Corhay trimmed Henri Entringer of France. Michel Clavel of France drew with the Belgian feathers youngster, Merkens, in a good six.

Casablanca, Morocco :—Robert Cohen did not exert himself unduly against sprightly Dante Bini and coasted along to a clear points win in their bantam ten. Laouari Godih, sparkling Algerian lightie, easily defeated René Bolivia over ten, and Emmanuel "Titi" Clavel shared the honors with Gilbert Ussin in a dismal welter ten.

Rouen, France :—Valère Benedetto came up from Marseilles to indulge in a murderous welter duel with the French champ, Robert Guivarch, in the latter's own backyard. It was a gory, desperate affair, and the edge went to Benedetto, although the official verdict was a draw after ten rounds. Jean Ruellet laced Serge Ceustermans in another welter ten and Mohamed Messaoudi nodded Claramunt in a lightweight ten. At Biarritz, Amati beat Jean Martinez in a welter ten and André Drille was held to a draw by Louis Mourros in a middles eight. Georges Macaire, Norman welter hope, decisioned André Couet in ten at Le Havre.

Paris :—At the Palais de la Mutualité, Gilbert Lavoine lambasted the game Dutchman, Harry Bos, into a jelly and obliged the latter's corner to throw in the towel during the fourth. This welter bout proved nothing at all. André Valignat was also served up with a nice easy dish and he, too, won by a knockout in the fourth, over Ali Graichi. Marcel Barthel whipped the Polish lightie, Edmond Cielinski, over eight and Robert Tartari trimmed Sebti in a feathers six. At the Stadium, Edir Debiane beat Muller, Claude Cordier trimmed Leveillé and Mohadem Smail stopped Demey in three welter bouts scheduled for six rounds. At the Central, Serge Caulier whipped Michel Guirad in eight, and at the Montmarte Club, Idrissa Dionne had a fairly easy go in beating the Belgian welter, Kid Eugene, over ten. Pierre Sarkissian, Armenian lightie, stopped Ducatez in the fourth.

Arques, France :—An odd thing occurred here. Gaston Langlois (no relation of Pierre's) was getting a beating from a local welter, Roger Facqueur. In the fourth round, Langlois went to the deck claiming a foul. The gong saved him at the count of "six" and Langlois went to his corner. After the interval he refused to continue boxing and the referee disqualified Facqueur! Regis Facqueur drew with Ouldami Saad in a welter six. At Granville, Roland Romano upset the local middle, Tino Pierluigi, over ten.

Barcelona, Spain :—Bobby Ros, up and coming young feathers hope, did very well to gain a clear win over the Basque scrapper, Jesus Aguerri, in eight. Julio Martinez made a successful pro debut by whipping Lopez Durban in a feathers six and in two more featherweight shindies, Rius iced Martinez Rodriguez in twenty seconds of the first frame and Amatria nodded Aleu in six.

Berlin :—The small Columbia Hall opened here with amateur star Max Resch as chief attraction. In his pro debut, Resch knocked out Otto Hentrich in the third of a middles slam after being down himself, whilst Hans Obermeier drew with Robert Gaffron in another middles dispute over six rounds. Ernst Zetzmann edged Horst Garz in a poor welter eight and Gerhard Moll iced Herbert Vogel in three and Heinz Kapke was stopped in the second by Guenter Hase in two further welter arguments.

Barcelona, Spain :—Kim Navarro, excellent local bantam star, decisioned Juan Cardenas over eight rounds here. Vicente Etcheverria made a return to action by icing José Segura in the seventh session of their welter debate.

Basle, Switzerland :—Gino Rossi, the capable Italian middle, did well to whip tough Armand Coullebaut over eight rounds.

Bologna, Italy :—Giovanni Alfonsetti wasted little effort on the Austrian middles champion, Walter Gasparyk; beefy Alfonsetti laid the visitor cold in round one. Aldo Pravisani, the bad news from Trieste, was equally inhospitable to another Austrian, lightweight Karl Marchart, who was disposed of in seven heats, whilst Pozzi halted Piu in the fifth of their welter clash.

Milan, Italy :—Duilio Loi gained a moral victory by defeating Walde Fusaro on points in a good lightweight ten. Fusaro, just back from the States, was ready to whip a challenge had he gained a draw. Gianni Zuddas rehabilitated himself with the locals after losing his title by thumping out a good win over Arthur Emboulé. French bantam, in eight rounds, and Nazzareno Gianelli got an unpopular decision over Robert Mouginot, French flyweight, after eight excellent but very even rounds. Giovanni Paini and Silvio Robeglia were disqualified in the fifth of their lightweight waltz for lack of combativeness.

Barcelona, Spain :—Bartolome Marti, the former lightweight champion, made a comeback here after a couple of years' absence from the ring. He gained a clear decision over the North American welter trial-horse, Bouadjemi Mokhfi, in ten. Miguel Guasch won by disqualification against Vilardel, who roughed

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things up too much.

Paris:—The Palais des Sports opened its doors once more for the winter season, with Charles Humez topping the bill against Ernie Durando, tough U. S. import. The Lion of Flanders was making good progress until the sixth round, when a left hook from Durando caught him "cold" and down he went. Humez was counted out kneeling, his eyes open. It later transpired that he was suffering from a severe abscess in the mouth. But that was not the only sensation. Germinal Ballarin, top-heavy favorite, was held to a draw by the strong Danish middle, Martin Hansen, in a good ten and the third brutal shock was suffered by Jacques Colomb. This young bantam hope was roughly handled by Robert Meunier and obliged to retire in the ninth round. René Weissmann whipped Marcel Beaumais in a welter six.

Beyrouth, Lebanon:—Jacques Hairabedian, European cruiser king, knocked out the local giant, Adis Dessouki, in five rounds here. Dessouki was two stone heavier than the French-Armenian.

Ghent, Belgium:—Kid Dussart must surely see the light now. After being cleaned up by Lavoine in four, the veteran was overwhelmed by modest Alois De Wulf, who stopped Dussart in six rounds and thus became the new welter champion. On the same program, Louis Cabo retained his feathers laurels by trouncing Jean Machterlinck over twelve rounds. At Genappe, it was the turn of Marcel Limage, who likewise kept a grip of his cruiser crown by demolishing Andre De Keersgieter in the opening round.

Paris:—Mohamed Chickaoui forged further into the forefront of French featherweights by blustering out a good points victory over Jacques Legendre over ten rounds. In the semi-finals of the feathers competition, Louis Poncy got a very narrow edge over Salvator Vangi and Jean Bichot beat Collin, both eight rounders. Deshayes whipped Arredondo in a welter six. At the Central, Belli stopped Segara in the opening round of a middle bout. At Somain, Ildephonse Warusfeld made it sixteen wins in a row when he knocked out blond Yves Calamari in the third frame of their cruiser slam. At Melun, Guy Gracia retained his Parisian lightweight crown by lacing Robert Di Mayo over ten. Szienkiewicz nodded Ben Yaya in another lightweight argument. Joseph Kellhoffner knocked out the German welter, Jochen Piosik, in six at Forbach in Alsace-Lorraine.

St. Jean de Luz, France:—Vicente Etcheverria, former Spanish welter king, pasted the local star, Henri Goya, and forced the latter to retire in the eighth round.

Paris:—At the Montmartre, René Lacaze finally got a decision when he beat André Mauguin on points in a good welter ten. Raymond Girbet nodded Luc Drapier in a middles eight. At the Central Georges Macaire made a successful bow to the Parisian public by whipping that difficult welter, Charles Dhery, in a very good ten. Pierrard stopped Leveillé in the fourth heat of another welter debate.

Paris:—At the Palais des Sports, once again there was sensation, but less dismaying than the Humez debacle. Gilbert Lavoine had his first fight as a middle against no less than Claude Milazzo. It was the rugged railwayman who dictated the fight and it was all that Milazzo could do to make a drawn bout of it after an excellent ten. Auguste Caulet deserved the verdict over Louis Carrara after a gory lightweight ten which had the fans howling, whilst Claude Arnaiz made a promising debut in stopping Saluzick in the second session of a cruiser duel. Stanis Sobolak drew with Moncef Fehri in a bantam six. In another brilliant scrap, Jacques Herbillon proved worthy of his new lightweight title by nearly kayoing the Algerian, Moussa Saad. The fight was tremendously fast and hotly disputed, but in the eighth and final round, Saad went down for two counts—for the last one he was surely "out", but the gong saved him from a knockout defeat.

Amsterdam, Holland:—Leen Jansen was again in a hurry, knocking out the rough-hewn German middle, Herbert Escher, in the fourth round. Piet van Klaveren outpointed the Belgian lightie, Elie Trefois, over eight rounds.

Como, Italy:—Walter Garbelli outfought Gramegna in a lightweight eight and Franco Livio stopped Muraro in the opening session of a welter do. At Turin, Casellato nodded Marino Bisson in another welter eight.

Krefeld, Germany:—Heinz Sachs was held to a draw here by the clever Winnfried Henne in a good cruiser eight. Hannes Scherbaum whipped Norbert Sapion in a heavyweight six, Gerd Mueller trimmed Willi Gelhaar in a lightweight six, and two newcomers made a good impression. They were Heinz Schroeder, who trounced Paul Chomuntowski in a welter four and H. Moeller, who drew with Albert Mueller in a lightweight four.

Cologne, Germany:—Peter Mueller was again in action, this time icing the modest Belgian middle, Camille Milo, in the third, whilst namesake Gerd Mueller knocked out Francois Thuillet, French lightie, in the sixth. Emil Koch and Kindermans of Belgium fought an outstanding middles draw over six rounds and Helmut Birk won over another Belgian middle, Leenen, in six.

Geneva, Switzerland:—Armed with a brand-new Italian bantam title, nothing could halt little Mario D'Agata, who flattened Pierre Gress in the tenth.

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12 draws out of 31 fights. Don also spent some time in Germany during the second war, and did a lot of boxing in the service. Upon his discharge in 1945, he turned pro engaging in 53 fights of which he won 29 and drew in 6. He defeated Neil Miller, Van Butler, Al Mobley, Richie Dallas, Hurley Sanders, while drawing with Buddy Farrell and Bee Bee Wright. He also boxed Gene Hairston, Lavern Roach, Ray Robinson, and Danny Kapilow. Ellis' best efforts in Europe have been wins over Bruno Junkuhn, Paul Schirrman, and draws with Heinz Sanger, Franz Szuzina, while losing close decisions to Connie Rux and Charley Humez.

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Bobby Dawson's a clever 24 year old boxer, who hits hard with either hand and has been fighting in Europe since 1950. Bobby started his pro career in New York in 1948 and was undefeated in 16 bouts before going to Europe. In 30 bouts he has won 24 while boxing 2 draws. He has defeated Duggie Miller, Gilbert Stock, Jean Wanes, Bill Poli, Claude Ritter, Ivano Fontana, Lucien Caboche, French middleweight champion Jacques Royer-Crecy, and kayoed British Empire Light-Heavyweight King Alex Buxton, Wally Beckett, and Gordon Hazell. This year Dawson has done all of his fighting in England where he is rated right behind Randy Turpin. In his 46 fights he has been stopped only once.

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Baby Day, a clever, cagy, veteran from Jacksonville, Florida launched his pro career in Paris where he remained following his army discharge after World War II and is considered a home town hero. Day's right name is Lewis Warren. He has faced the best of the continent's middleweights and more then held his own. In 1951 he returned to the United States and during his two year stay on home soil won 5 out of 7 bouts defeating Garth Panter, Otis Graham, Sammy Walker, Georgie Johnson and Henry Lee. Back in France this year he has kayoed Aime Lombard, defeated Gilbert Stock and dropped a close decision to Pierre Langlois. Baby's record lists 28 wins, and four draws in 43 fights. Among his European victims are Dick Turpin, Roy Wouters, Albert Finch, Jan Pankowiack, and Duggie Miller.

Rated high among the light heavyweights in the world is the favorite of the low countries, Charley Anglee, a 24 year old belter from Pawtucket, R. I. He has been fighting in Europe since the summer of 1951 and in that time has lost 3 out of 29 bouts, two of these by fouls, while scoring 18 knockouts.

His all over record since his pro debut in Providence in 1948 shows 42 wins in 50 bouts, with 24 kayos. Charley holds wins over Mel Brown, Jimmy Beau, Winnfried Henne, Luc Van Daele, Kay Kalio, Curtis Moore, Harry Bos, Wim Snoek, Werner Teuscher, Henry Lee, Hans Motzeit, and Fritz Gahrmesiter.

The past year has found Anglee making his headquarters in Zandvoort, Holland, where he spent most of his time in helping to train and develop young fighters at the boxing schools in Bisschop and ter Meulen. He is also interested in other sporting enterprises and hopes to become a promotor when his fighting days are over.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

CLUB OLIMPICO, Durango:—Ernesto Molina, 134, a very good prospect put tough Andres (Herrero) Gonzalez to sleep in 3. Marcelo Vargas, 132, another of the new comers, knocked out Hector Garcia, 130, in two. Zurdo Sarabia, 128, decisioned Baby Urbina in eight.

Arena San Pedro, San Pedro:—Canelo Kid (Eduardo Rodriguez), 143, drew in ten rounds with Cisco Kid (Francisco Perez), 145. Ray Mejia, 125, stopped Chato Vasquez, 130, in 2. Paco Borjas, 135, beat Raul Obregon, 141, in eight.

Arena Obrero, Torreon:—The doubt that existed about the superiority of Humberto (Hamlet) Carrillo over the veteran Juan Leaños disappeared, when they fought 12 furious rounds in the local Arena. The Brown Southpaw, featherweight champion of La Laguna, successfully defended his title and this time the judges' decision went unanimously in his favor. Rough and tough Leaños put up a very good fight giving his best at all times, but his younger opponent emerged with the victory. The fight was witnessed by a crowd of 3,000. In the semifinal of the program, Salvador Davila, 147, scored his sixth consecutive win (his fifth by knockout) by knocking out hard-hitting Manuel "Toro" Rocha, 146, in 2. In the special event, Hector Arenas, 130, with a murderous right cross, knocked out Pedro Piña, 127, in the first minute of the first round.

Arena San Pedro, San Pedro:—Cisco Kid (Francisco Perez), 144, convincingly outpointed Arturo (Chale) Carrillo, 141, in 10. Ray Mejia, 128, and Felipe Sosa, 126, fought to a draw in 8.

Arena Obreros Del Progreso, Saltillo:—Choforo Martinez, 148, won a ten round unanimous decision over Tlacuache Contreras, 146. Andres Ruiz, 119, TKO'd Mike Torres, 116, in 9. Perico Palacios, 118, embalmed Baby Marroca, 117, in 2.

Arena Rosita, Torreon:—Little Cuban Manuel Armenteros, 120, appearing for the first time in the local arena, had a sensational debut by scoring a knockout in the first round of his fight with Lucio (Borrachito) Gonzale, 119, bantamweight champion of La Laguna. In the writer's opinion, it was the case of the classic "lucky punch". But are there really any such punches in the fighting game? Kid Manolo (Manuel Luna), 128, won an easy decision over Pancho Bolaños, 129, in the 10-round semi-final. In another 10-rounder, Felipe Sosa, 122, closely decisioned Manolo Ramirez, 118.

Arena San Pedro, San Pedro:—Ray Mejia, 126, fought 10 furious rounds with Nicho Blanco, 129, from Guatemala, C. A. The decision was a draw. Paco Borias, 133, won on disqualification from Raul Obregon, 139, in 3.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

FOR blood and thunder and the kind of fight you want you should wish that you had been at Tampa recently. You couldn't take it away from Baby Williams and Irish Bob Murphy. It was great, that's the word, great 10 round war at Tampa was something to sure shout about and that's what 2,340 did when the young Cuban and the veteran Milwaukee red-head locked horns in a bitter and brutal battle here. No boxing finesse was involved only the will to knock the other out in practically every punch. Hundreds of them, thrown and landed in their super-struggle, seldom fazed the walloping warriors and Williams, the underdog against the former light-heavyweight contender, an ex-San Diego sailor now on the comeback trail, got more in than Irish Bob for a split decision. The voting shows how close it was: Judge Solovitz for Williams, 52-48; Judge Brown for Williams, 51-49, and Judge Bob Diaz for Murphy, 51-49. Both were bloodied throughout the fight and the crimson found spectators at ringside and back several rows. The crowd gave the fighters a great ovation when Referee Irish Eddie Callahan came between them as the bell ended round ten and the fight. Murphy's weight was 165.

Rocky Randell, rising Tampa lightweight, was awarded a TKO in the fifth over Bobby Evans of Atlanta. Morgan Taylor, 143, Fort Meade, Fla., beat Jimmy Haigy, 147, Pittsburgh, in six. Tom Tatum, 178, Miami, TKOed Bob Fuller, 192, Miami, in the fifth. Claude Norman, 133, Tampa, TKOed Larry Watson, 133, Lakeland, in round three. Baby Joe Louis, 138, Tampa, took the four round opener from Ulysses Washington, 140, Daytona Beach. Al Garcia was the promoter.

Army life must be agreeable for Chico Vejar, 146, for the former welterweight contender from Stamford, Conn., now operating out of Fort Benning, Ga., came up with an A-1 performance in trouncing the veteran Chico Pacheco, 154¼, of Brazil, in 10 rounds at Miami Beach. Boxing nicely and mixing jabs, hooks and rights on the South American, Vejar's first start in six months was excellent and received by 2,711 fans the same way. Vejar took all but one round. The Brazilian shock-absorber was his usual dead-game self. Harry Braelow was dropped four times by Bobby Lopez and still earned a draw in 10 terrific rounds. Lopez, a 19-year-old soldier by way of Boston, displayed hefty punching in dropping Braelow in the first, second, third and fourth rounds but tired badly in the ninth and tenth which gave Harry the chance of evening things. This fight had the crowd in an uproar from the first round to the last. Braelow at 159 and Lopez at 161. Harry is a Miamian.

Kenny Yates, 181, Miami, won from Gordon Pouliot, 184¼, Miami, in a four. Andy Mayfield, 160¼, Miami, started the knockdown parade by registering seven against Honeychile Whipple, also a Miamian, and the bout was halted in the sixth. Chris Dundee promoted this action card and the gate at $5,600.

In the same ring, almost a day to the year when and where he got his boxing baptism, Rocky Randall, 132½, formerly of Columbus, Ga., but now of Tampa, gave a small gathering a sample of his gloves graduation in winning an easy eight round duke over Hector Bacquette, 134, of New Orleans at Columbus. Randall floored Bacquette twice in the seventh, his main weapons a left hook and a straight right. Comfortable as his margin was, Rocky had a few rocky moments himself.

Johnny Burke, former Savannah and West Palm Beach boxer, was surprised by Billy LeBlanc, New Orleans, who held him to an eight round draw in the semi. The scrap was good and close. Joe Dorsey, New Orleans, registered a three round TKO over Connie Gray, Tampa.

Al (Kid) McCoy, 153, left hooker from Macon, didn't give Mickey Rhodes a chance to get started and claimed a one round halter over the 149½ boy from Boise, Idaho, at Columbus, Ga. Fred Ward promoted.

Nino Valdes, pudgy at 208 pounds, was put on a "soft diet" by Promoter Al Garcia at Tampa and fed Matt Daniels, of New York, in a Cigar City set-up. The result was inevitable. Valdes, the Cuban "Lion," devouring Daniels in two rounds. Attendance was 1350. Valdes, in a hurry to catch a plane, was moved up from fifth bout to the third. Toying with the 192 pound New Yorker for a spell in the opening round, he suddenly crashed Matt to the mat just before the bell ended and went back to his work in the next round with savage lefts and rights until the referee, Irish Eddie Callahan, sensibly stepped on the brakes. Daniels, naturally must be credited with his courage. Dropped three times and taking brutal punishment when he didn't have the equipment and ability to fight or fight back, words cannot be sparing to dead-game Daniels, who went into the "Lion's" den but with the heart as big as a lion. The Davey Allen-Rocky Randell lightweight tangle was a honey and it ended in a draw after eight terrific rounds of toe-to-toe slugging just about the route. They weighed 132 each.

Eddie Pulido, 143, received two of the three officials' tabs over Johnny Pape, 142, Miami. Baby Joe Louis, 135, Tampa, won a four from Bobby Graham, 132, Tampa. Manny Castro, 120, Mexico City, TKOed Peewee Flores, 117, Tampa, in the fifth.

At Daytona Beach, a clipping states Willie Johnson kayoed Davey Seabrooke, 154, Jacksonville, in the sixth round. Seabrooke informed this corner personally that he did not fight Johnson but that Johnson had fought another Jacksonville boy whom he named but which we haven't been able to see to verify. Seeking Johnson, this corner was told he had left for New Jersey. He is the same who fights out of Lumberton, N. C., Jacksonville and New Jersey. Seabrooke also, is not heavy as the weights mentioned.

Eugene Ricks, 148, and Al Akin, 165, drew. Ulysses Washington, 139, beat Everett Caparelli, 145, New Smyrna Beach. Red Humphries, 140, beat Young Joe Maxim, 141. James Murphy, 132, stopped David Gooch, 135, in four.

Hard-hitting Jackie Graves, a southpaw slasher from Minneapolis, found Larry Mujica a good target and won his bout with plenty to spare in this Chris Dundee promotion at Miami Beach. Mujica, 135¾, and 7½ pounds heavier than the Minnesotan, got off to an excellent start but it was short-lived after three rounds. The boys were rough in spots and Graves who winged them in with either hand lost the second for low punches.

Cleve (Cleveland) Williams, Tampa's young heavyweight bid, earned his 33rd victory in 34 times up, claiming game Lloyd Bo Willis, 187, Miami, his victim. Willis reached Williams with some good hits in the first round but Cleve retaliated with three knockdowns and Referee Jimmy Peerless stopped the bout in the second. The winner tipped 205¼.

Johnny Pape, 140½, Miami Beach, whipped Jimmy Hatcher, 146¾, said to be out of New Orleans, in six. Honey Boy Williams, 138½, TKOed Baby Joe Louis, 141, Tampa, in four. Sammy Stone, 157¼, Miami, bested Bolvin Deveaux, 154, Nassau, in four. The attendance was 1,946 and the gate, $4,346.

A boxing oddity for The Ring Magazine Record Book is furnished on Honeychile Whipple, the Miami middleweight whose ring career came to an abrupt end on the Chico Vejar-Chico Pacheco fight card at Miami Beach, Chris Dundee's promotional grounds. The finish of Whipple's ring warfare resulted from seven knockdowns he suffered at the hands of another Miamian, Andy Mayfield. Seems that Honeychile has half a glass jaw. As boxing judge Morris Feingold explained it, Whipple could take punches well if hit on the right side of his jaw but a slight tap on the left side would usually find him on deck.

Seldom does a return bout match the first in action and thrills and the Harry Braelow-Bobby Lopez go was no exception. Rewarded with the top tiff by Promoter Chris Dundee after their sensational 10 round war draw at Miami Beach, the second bout ended with Braelow, 160½, getting a TKO win in the eighth and final heat over the 158 pound Bostonian. The boys appeared to be cautious and Braelow used superior boxing before putting the full blast with both hands in the last round. Referee Cy Gottfried then moved in to save the beaten Lopez.

An eighter which caused dispute after the verdict went to Manny Castro, 125, Mexico City, over Davey Allen, 131, Miami. Billy Lauderdale, 146½, Hialeah, ushered in a fine win over Bill Neri, 145¼, Bridgeport, Conn., in eight. Claude Rolfe, 191, Tampa, took an eight from Jimmy Felton, 175, Fort Benning. Attendance, 2,302 and gate, $5,129.

Bobby Dykes put the skids under Al (Kid) McCoy, Macon, in the fifth round at Columbus, Ga. Leading all the way and the fight progressing from the third round Dykes put a stop to the main event with a whopping right to McCoy's chin. The latter went down and Referee W. W. Grant tolled ten with Al's face on the canvas. The loser at 154 and the winner, from Miami, 157.

Rocky Randell, Tampa lightweight prospect, formerly of Columbus, TKOed Hector Bacquette in two rounds. Bacquette, who had hurt Randell in the opening frame, was down twice. Classy Johnny Burke, Turner Air Force Base, shortened his bout with Billy LeBlanc, New Orleans, producing a knockout in two. Jimmy Craven scored with a hard right on Sonny Hope's head and Sonny's hopes faded in the second chapter, knocked out. Joe Dorsey, New Orleans, kayoed Curtis Thomas, Columbus, in the third. Fred Ward promoted this "knockout" card.

Although Emmett Gurney was effective with his punching, he didn't have an easy time in all eight rounds with Benny Christiano, Detroit, in the feature bout at Columbia, S. C. Christiano scored heavy on one of Gurney's eyes and it closed early in the clash. But Gurney, a welterweight and former University of South Carolina boxer, came back to knock his rival to the canvas twice in the fourth round and the same number in the eighth and final round to gain an unanimous verdict.

A fast-working Brien Kelly pounded out a 10 round decision over Irish Billy Murphy in the top contest at Miami Beach, and put in a bid for a third crack at Dixie's top lightweight, Ralph Dupas, whom he had beaten here and lost in a return at New Orleans. The aggressive Ontario, Canada, boy beat Murphy to the punch and opened several cuts on the loser. He weighed 137, and Murphy, 138.

Jimmy Curl, 171, San Antonio and former hot-shot around Miami several years ago, wrapped up a TKO over Jackie Janson (could be Jenson also). Curl had Janson down three times and opened a five-inch cut over Jackie's left eye in the sixth. Referee Petey Sarron stopped it just as the bell sounded to end that round.

Eddie Springer, 159½, Coral Gables, TKOed Tony Necri, 154, Warren, Ohio, in six. Tom Tatum, 170, Miami, felled Johnny Smith, 171½, Miami, with a right to the jaw in the second for a knockout. Joe Carter grabbed a four from Humpy Humphries, Miami. Chris Dundee was the promoter. The attendance at 1,926.

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Tino Longoria took on Bobcat Bobby Elliott in the ten round mainer at Miami Beach and came out on top in a bristling battle by a split decision. They got rough at times and mixed punches with elbows and heads and hitting on the break. Elliott's best rounds were the fourth and seventh but the latter was taken from him for hitting low. Referee Petey Sarron saw it even, 4-4-2; Judges Gus Jacobson and Morris Feingold saw Tino tame the bobcat. The winner, 160, Houston, Texas, landed more and the harder punches. Elliott, 155½, is from Louisville and Miami, and was subbing for Bobby Dykes.

Billy Lauderdale, 146, Hialeah, made it two-out-of-three from Basil Marie, 142, Philadelphia, and this triumph was tops in Billy's career to date. Lauderdale and Basil made it a fast tenner and Jerry White's fighter copped it with a two-hand attack. Jackie Jenson, 175½, Bakersville, Ohio, outpunched Kenny Yates, 187½, Miami, in a sweet sixer. Pete Ridgway, 137, Miami, TKOed Terry Parker, 139, Boston, after decking him three times. Pete won it in the second. Tom Tatum, 175, grabbed a four rounder from Bob Hall, 180, Miami. Chris Dundee promoted. Attendance: 1,744 and gate, $3,816.

Jackie O'Brien, billed out of Brooklyn, won a 10 round decision over Mel Bartholomew, of New Orleans in the feature attraction at Fort Benning, Georgia. A small crowd was on hand to greet Promoter Chick Liddell's first show here. Bartholomew's showing was poor. He weighed 149¾, and O'Brien tipped 150. Jackie started moving in the fifth on after Referee Bill Dierolf warned the fighters to do better.

Hoyt Nunnally, popular scrapper from Columbus, hit hard in dropping Ike Cypress, New Orleans, three times in the second and then's when Ref Dierolf stopped the one-sided go. Heavy-hitting Elmer Blair, 1953 Benning kingpin, dropped right hand bombs on Sol Scott, New Orleans, and emerged with a TKO in round one. Jim Haigy, of Special Troops, won a four rounder from Kid Carracter, of College Park, Ga., and Bobby Evans, an Atlantan, bested Jimmy Gossett, of Columbia, S. C., in two good bouts, this also a four.

REMEMBER!
THE NEXT ISSUE IS THE BIG FEBRUARY SPECIAL

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

SO Carl Olson beat Randolph Turpin to win the world middleweight title. It forcibly brings to all Australians the tragedy of Dave Sands. You will remember that Dave was killed in a truck accident on August 11, 1952. Dave twice whipped Olson, the first time in Sydney in 1950, the second time in Chicago in 1951. Dave was not seen at his best in U. S. A. He was a very sensitive fellow who could not produce his best in a strange land. Nevertheless, he beat Olson.

In his Sydney contest with Bobo, he toyed with Bobo. He knocked Bobo to the floor in the first round, but stepped back and allowed him to recover. Several times during the contest he had Olson going, but eased up in his attack. Point was, that had Dave knocked out Olson early and easily, a return bout would have been out of the question and there was no opponents in view to follow Olson.

As it happened, Olson returned home after his contest with Dave. The bout was anything but spectacular—Dave just could not go slow enough for Olson. Robinson knew that Sands was too big a risk, and he would not fight Dave. He discovered that after he—Sugar—defended his crown against Olson. Not that anyone could blame him for not taking the risk against Dave. So Australia lost a boxer who undoubtedly would have won the world title had he lived—or had the breaks during his lifetime which his ability warranted.

Meanwhile, our world bantam champion, JIMMY CARRUTHERS, is all ready to defend his title in the open air against PAPPY GAULT, the American champion. Seats are selling well, at $22.22. Pappy has made quite an impression in Australia. He and his manager, Chris Cline, are very popular. Pappy should make a good fight of it with Jimmy, but I cannot see him beating Carruthers. Fighters like Jimmy Carruthers do not happen often.

The British Empire and Australian lightweight champion, PAT FORD, was successful in his Empire title defense against former holder, FRANK JOHNSON, in Melbourne. Pat knocked out Johnson with a perfect punch, following a perfect manoeuvre, in the 13th round. Johnson pinned Ford to the ropes, but Pat quickly bounded off the ropes to the other side of the ring. Johnson changed direction and threw a left rip, but it did not land; Pat shot home a right to the jaw. Johnson stopped in his tracks, then began to fight back for a moment. He was dazed and Ford hit him another solid whack on the chin. Johnson left the floor and hit it with his back. He was out for about six minutes.

The K. O. was the first registered against Johnson in his career. It will not be long now before Pat Ford is knocking at the door of the world champion. Pat is only 22 and has had only 20 fights, winning 18 by K. O.

Australian bantamweight champion, BOBBY SINN had a hard fight in Brisbane against BILLY RICHARDS of Sydney. It was a tough encounter from first bell to the end, which came in the 10th round. Sinn stood the wear and tear better than the N.S.W. feather and won by a K.O. in that tenth term. Billy suffered concussion after the fight.

PRAN MIKUS fought a draw in Melbourne with IVOR GERMAINE in another tough encounter.

Mexican, JAVIER BABYFACE GUTIERREZ is in Australia. He recently fought ELLEY BENNETT. The fight did not raise any excitement. Bennett was not in condition and took some harsh criticism from the Dailies for his weak effort. The Mexican won on points. It has been announced that Gutierrez will next meet Trevor King, the number one contender for the Australian featherweight title, held by Bennett. King will take the Mexican apart at the seams, then put him together again. In short, I do not expect that Gutierrez will trouble Trevor even a little bit.

Former Aussie lightweight boss, FRANK FLANNERY, had a mild workout at the expense of Filipino, ALFREDO FLORES, in Melbourne. Flores did not represent any danger to Flannery—or any other Aussie main event fighter. Flannery was very lethargic, too, otherwise he would have won in the first round. He had Flores on the floor in that round, but stood off. Flannery won by K.O. in the fifth.

KEVIN JAMES, number one contender for Bobby Sinn's crown, had an easy task at Sydney Stadium in opposition to African, PANAMA FLASH. Kevin won in the ninth after dominating the fight from start to finish. A few nights later, James outpointed JOHNNY WHEELER at Leichhardt.

African KID DYNAMITE, the best of the three Africans at present in Australia, stopped TEDDY FITZGERALD in 6 rounds at Sydney Stadium, when Fitzie's eye was cut. The Kid would have won anyway, as he proved when he met Fitzie at Broken Hill a few nights later. Dynamite won on points. He then stopped MICKEY ROBERTS in 10 heats, also at the Hill.

Incidentally, Broken Hill Stadium is under new management, a syndicate of four business men, who have their hearts and interests in the right place. Fighters who have been to the Hill in recent weeks are loud in their praise of the promoters and others at Broken Hill. Treatment has been grand, hospitality has been terrific and all the boxers want to fight there again.

English lightweight, RAY FITTON, who has made Australia his home, is being kept busy. He outpointed BLUEY WILKINS at Melbourne, then came to Sydney, where he was outpointed by AMERICO AGOSTINI. The last named is a rough and tumble merchant, who lost recently to Wilkins. Yet Fitton could not beat him. Agostini is always a trier, but cannot see him winning a title.

GRAHAM HIGHAM, unbeaten middleweight, added another K.O. to his list, when he beat CARLO MARCHINI in eight at Brisbane. Carlo was halted on account of a bad eye cut, but he was fighting a losing battle.

Other twelve-round results of the month: Leichhardt: Bert Hornby outpointed BILLY WATSON. Welters.

BRISBANE: DOUG THORPE O. K.d JOHNNY CONWAY in 5. Welters. ALAN RITCHIE K.O.d HERB PITTMAN in 5. Feathers.

Leichhardt referee, ART NAWSON, has entered the promotional field. He will promote in different country centres and maybe some big venture will get under way, if Art gets his way.

That is all for now. The writer's address is: 24 Milburn Rd., Sutherland, N.S.W., Australia.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

CAPT. ENRIQUE VILLANUEVA (Jimmy Eco Villanueva) of the Peftok is still in Korea and the chief of the Communication Division of the Philippine Army in Korea. During the Japanese occupation Capt. Villanueva fought in the Coliseum and met all the leading lightweights of the country as a main eventer. He was with the "Death March" after the surrender of Bataan. He became a guerrilla commander and was again inducted in the army after the liberation and never fought again in the ring but made a name in the front lines and received two medals for gallantry in action.

Larry Bataan, featherweight champion of the Philippines and the Orient is leaving soon for the United States to fight under the stable of Sid Flaherty, manager of Carl (Bobo) Olson, the newly crowned middleweight champion of the world.

Tanny Campo, fly and bantamweight champion of the Philippines made a punching bag out of Fred Sullivan, flyweight champion of Negros in a 10 round main event in Bacolod City. Campo could have easily deposed of his rival but allowed him to last the limit for the 4,000 howling fans. Sullivan was downed 4 times during the encounter. Baby Galauran, 112, won a split decision over Bert Monte, 112, in 8 rounds. Star Montoc, 114, beat Terrible Lapoy, 115, in 8.

Rusty Ginete, 112, badly outpointed Small Dundee, 112, of Silay in a 10 round main event at the Hilado Boxing Stadium, Bacolod City. Smiling Bebero, 114, decisioned Young Fernandez, 116, in another 10 rounder. Negros Boy, 112, drew with Dommy Villegas, 112, in six. Small Gorry, 112, beat Dixy Logan, 112, of Pangasinan in 6. Baby Torion, 105, kayoed Young Cabanela Jr., 108, in 3. Pandacan Kid, 110, and Young Felipe, 112, drew in the curtain raiser.

Flash Elorde, bantamweight champion of the Orient won a 10 round split decision over Japan's featherweight champion Noboru Tanaka in the Tokyo Korakuen volleyball court. A left hook by Elorde sent Tanaka to the floor for an eight count in the second round. Prior to the main event, Leo Espinosa, conqueror of Yochio Shirai, staged a seven round exhibition against the Japanese bantamweight Masao Okuyama. Leo is the challenger to Yoshio Shirai, flyweight champion of the world.

Raytranco Boy, 117, stopped Ben Dayrit, 118, in the 8th round of a scheduled 10 round main event at the New Olympic stadium for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus of the Obando chapter. A big lump over Dayrit's left eye caused by the head of Raytranco and a bad left hand in the 4th round caused him to be a target of his rival's punches without a return. Al Custer, 121, of Angeles, Pampanga, proved too fast for the slow moving Kid Ocampo, 114, in 6. Bart Gonzales, 114, easily deposed Baby Flores, 114, in the 2nd. Larry Pineda, 105, beat Raytranco Kid, 104, in a 4. Lourdinez Jr., 112, kayoed Ben de Leon, 113, in the 2nd. Ric Ricuerdo, 109, won over Pete Zamora, 112, in 4. Little Nanny, 113, bested Roland Lauricio, 115, in 4. Small Doro stopped Raxabago Kid, 108, in the first round. Frankie Young, 109, beat Little Raytranco, 106, in a four rounder. Este Escoto, 101, outscored Smart Manoling, 100, in the curtain raiser.

Boxing is temporarily stopped in Grace Park while the stadium is being reconstructed and enlarged to accommodate its customers. The next smoker will be promoted by Ceasar Nazario Jr. Mr. Cesareo Nazario, backer of his son is now back in Manila after a business trip to Japan. He met Johnny Sharpe, manager of Terry Allen, and did not come to terms for Allen's invasion of Manila.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

RESULTS of fights, all at the Arena Coliseo, were as follows:

Gorilon Ortiz, 135, outpointed El Conscripto, 135, Mexican welter champion, in ten. The match was not for the title and the decision was not popular. Jose Lopez, 117, stopped Aurelio Rivero, 117, in four.

Raul Solis, 120, stopped Roberto Razo, 119, in four. Mario Mantecon, 127, outpointed Pancho Velasco, 127, in ten.

Luis Castillo, 121, outpointed Manuel Armenteros, 119, Cuba, in ten. Jorge Castro, 156, stopped Armando Cotero, 155, in 8.

Arturo Vazquez, stopped Chico Martinez, 135, in six. Kid Campeche, 122, outpointed Tacho Martinez, 122, in ten.

Raton Macias, 118, outpointed Beto Couary, 117, in twelve. This was the final match of the bantamweight elimination contest. Thus, the outstanding Macias became champion of Mexico in his fifth professional fight. Raul Solis, 120, outpointed Luis Villa, 119, in ten.

Jose Arguelles, 135, defeated Marcelino Peña, 136, by disqualification, in nine. Jesse de Hoyos, 133, outpointed Manuel Beltran, 135, in ten.

Baby Ortiz, 131, national featherweight champion, outpointed Manuel Rivera, 131, national lightweight champion in ten. Floro Hita, 136, outpointed Rudy de Hoyos, 137, in ten.

Roy Hernandez, 123, outpointed Chebo de la Torre, 123, in ten. Memo Diez, 135, stopped Martin Morales, 135, in ten.

Tomas Castillo, 127, stopped Martin Rodriguez, 125, in seven. Rodriguez was imported from Cuba where he is said to be the second featherweight of the country, but his debut here was a flop. The match was so lousy that both boys were about to be thrown from the ring. Jose Lopez, 117, outpointed Lino Botello, 118, in ten.

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IN BANGKOK, THAILAND
By H. D. Koslowski

8000 boxing fans packed the Rajdamnern Stadium on Policeday, October 13th, to see the pride of the Police Force, CHAMRERN SONGKITRAT, ranking Bantamweight, knock out JIMMY PEARCE of England after only 2 minutes of the 1st round. Both boys came in at 118 pounds and after this victory, which was the fastest ever recorded here in Bangkok, the time has come for CHAMRERN to fight ranking bantamweights, especially if he intends to fight JIMMY CARRUTHERS for the title.

CHAMRERN in my opinion, will have an even chance against the World Champion.

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BOXING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS
By Harlan Haas

IN a busy ten, Johnny Capitano, the New Orleans Italian, outscored Chato Hernandez of Monterrey. It was a good hard fight all the way with both boys doing a lot of banging. Capitano was the master boxer as he warded off the bull like rushes of the mustachioed Hernandez, and piled up points with an educated left hand. Capitano came in at 140, as did Hernandez.

The semi-final five was a real thriller with Celso Hidalgo, 121, Los Angeles, taking a split decision over Baby Alaniz, 121, Houston.

In another five, the veteran Vince Mazac, 164, Houston, decisioned the lanky John Mariano, 168, New Orleans. In the top four, Burt Kenny, 141, Omaha, banged out a clear cut win over experienced Otho Sligar, 137, Houston. In the curtain raiser, murderous punching Carl Foy, 150, Houston, needed but two rounds to dispose of Willie Jackson, 160, Houston.

Ringside Club, Houston, Texas. A capacity crowd saw Earl "Chief Early Bird" Keel, Oklahoma City, take a close ten round decision over the State's number one lightheavy, Joe Moran, in a non title bout. There was plenty of heavy punching throughout in this one, and the lanky Indian made a tremendous hit with his ability to give and take. Keel came in at 172, Moran at 174.

In the semi-windup, Vince Mazac, 158, Houston's fighting fireman, hit the lighter Frankie Fuller, 150, San Antonio, at will with a left hook to score a four round tkayo. Mazac's efficient left hook opened a bad cut on Fuller's right eyelid.

In a co-five rounder, Henry Luera, 125, Houston, came out even with Bobby Garza, 128, Corpus Christi. In the four round opener, Babe Vance, 137, Quinlan, was impressive in his Houston debut by whamming out a win over the improving Tony Gonzales, 142, Houston.

Ringside Club, Houston, Texas. Earl Keel, the big Chickasaw Indian from Oklahoma City, scored the best win of his pro career when he stopped Irish Jimmy Curl of San Antonio in the fifth round. Curl came out fast obviously trying to end it as soon as possible. He nailed the gangling young Indian with his Sunday punches in the first, but Keel kept coming back for more. The Indian started to come on in the second, and was in command from then on. In the fourth, Curl took some powerful shots to the jaw, and at the close of the round the commission doctor was summoned, and it was learned his jaw was broken. Curl was unable to come out for the fifth. Curl scaled 167, Keel 168.

In the semi-final, George Peyton, 190, Houston, iced Joe Leonard, 186, Bryan, in 1:52 seconds of 1. Leonard rushed out from his corner at the bell and tore into the local kayo artist, Peyton finally shoved him away, jabbed a couple of times with the left, and nailed him with a terrific right hand. Leonard was out for several minutes. In another five rounder, Tino Longoria, 162, Houston, making his first start in several months, dropped a very close one to Vince Mazac, 164, Houston. In the top four, Jackie Hobbs, 128, Houston, rocked Buddy Holden, 129, Aransas Pass, to sleep with a right to the jaw in the final round. The opener saw Robert Sewell, 142, Houston, edge Tollie Elliott, 146, Houston.

City Auditorium, Houston, Texas. The Irishman did it again! Johnny McCray, 143, Birmingham's gift to Houston, knocked Johnny Capitano, 140, New Orleans, dead with a powerful right hand to the button in the third round of the scheduled ten round main go. Capitano started fast but in the third the New Orleans Italian started a flurry when McCray jabbed him with a left, and then threw that booming right hand straight from the shoulder with blinding speed, it landed on Capitano's chin. He went down and out. It marked McCray's twelfth straight local win.

In the semi-final eight, big George Peyton, 190, Houston, dropped Alvin McCoy, 187, Indianapolis, for a nine count in the first ten seconds of the fight, and went on to deck him five more times, before the referee very wisely intervened in the second round.

In three five round offerings, George Easterling, 138, Port Arthur, took a hard fought contest from the willing Burt Kenny, 141, Omaha. Stanley Jones, 158, Houston, dropped a split decision to Joe Dorsey, 156, New Orleans, and in the opener, Vince Mazac, 168, decisioned John Mariano, 169, New Orleans.

Coliseum, Austin, Texas. In a Charles Schmidt presentation at Austin, Texas, Ben Evans, 159, Oklahoma City, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Cisco Saenz, 156, Phoenix, in the main event. Evans had little difficulty with the aggressive Saenz. However, Cisco put up his usual rough and crowd pleasing performance. It was a good show, and another fine win for Ben Evans who is making a fine comeback.

In the semi-final six, Tony Gonzales, 142, Houston, hammered out a close one over Terry Smith, 140, Detroit. It caused Terry to yell for a rematch.

In fours, Leo Duncan, 164, Austin, drew with Frankie Fuller, 160, San Antonio. El Cheno, 130, Austin, scored a three round tkayo over Joe Willmon, 130, Roanoke, Va., and in the opener, Sgt. Robert Miller, 190, Fort Hood, flattened Ricky Mills, 180, Austin, in the second.

Just how good is Johnny McCray? That's a question everyone is asking. Does Houston finally have a boy ready to make a bid for welterweight contention? The heart is definitely there, and the explosive punching power. He's a fine boxer, with an extremely fast pair of hands. IF in top shape, and for the first time since writing this column, I go out on the proverbial limb), I believe he is capable of giving the best in the country a run for their money. You'll be hearing from McCray.

The veteran Ben Evans has four wins on his comeback, and is anxious to go against some of the topnotchers. . . . George Payton, Houston's sensational young heavyweight, is coming along in fine style.

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NEW FROM SAN ANTONIO
By BOB OSTRUM

BOXING is flourishing in San Antonio with Promoter Jimmy Scaramozi moving his base of operations from the municipal auditorium to the more compact Wrestlethon arena and staging fight shows every week. There's a lot of action for both preliminary fighters and main eventers. Fighters interested in making a showing in San Antonio can contact Scaramozi at 918 St. James.

One state championship was successfully defended during the month and two more are scheduled to go on the line soon. Joe Moran, making his first defense of the Texas light heavyweight championship he won last winter, pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over Earl Keel, rugged Chickasaw Indian from Oklahoma City.

Moran had Keel on the floor from a left hook in the third round after staggering the Oklahoman with a series of hard rights to the head, but the local 172-pounder couldn't finish off his southpaw opponent. Moran held the upper hand throughout most of the fight although Keel came on strong in the final two rounds.

Keel had beaten Moran on a split decision a few weeks earlier in Houston and a week later had scored a TKO over Jimmy Curl, another San Antonio light heavyweight, when Curl suffered a broken jaw.

Curl's injury temporarily sidelined his comeback campaign and it was a tough break for former Texas middleweight champ who was looking better than ever in training sessions here. Curl won two fights in Miami before returning to San Antonio to seek the Texas light heavyweight crown.

Preliminaries on the Moran-Keel card kept up the unusual run of well-matched fights that have made recent boxing shows here thrillers from the opening bout on.

Dave Vance, a boxing cutie from Quinlan, Tex., made his second appearance here a winning one by decisioning Danny Cardenas, who outweighed Vance 146 to 141, in a 6-rounder. Vance is a very promising youngster that may soon be taking on the state's better lightweights.

Maxie Trero, 131, Corpus Christi, decisioned Ernest Ramos, 129, San Antonio, in 6; Leo Duncan, 161, Austin, won a 6-round decision over Bebe Garcia, 152, San Antonio, and Bill Reddish, 151, Boston, scored a third round TKO over Frankie Fuller, 150, San Antonio.

Earlier in the month, Doug Medley continued his march towords a Texas lightweight title showndown with Champion Jackie Blair by scoring a unanimous 10-round decision over Pepe Alvarez of Monterrey, Mex.

Medley, a busy little fighter that never stops pressing the attack, kept Alvarez in trouble all the way, and had the south-of-the-border fighter on the deck twice in the third round and again in the fifth. Alvarez weighed 136 to Medley's 132.

In the 8-round semi-final, Rocky Caballero of Austin won his thirteenth straight fight by stopping Burt Kinney of Omaha in 2:32 of the third round. Rocky unleashed a terrific body attack that had Kinney hanging on when the referee halted the one-sided affair.

In other bouts, Gallito Gonzalez, Rosita, Mex. lightweight, won a TKO over Otho Sligar, Houston, in 2:29 of the fourth; Amerigo Rivera decisioned Andy Zamarippa in a 5-round featherweight scrap and Sol Goldberg, 165-pounder from Chicago, and Danny Cardenas, 150, San Antonio, fought a 4-round draw.

Al Juergens, who has given up fighting in the lightweight ranks, moved into the welterweight class with a sixth-round technical knockout over Carlos Gamacho of San Luis Obispo, Mex. The hard-punching San Antonian never floored Camacho but in the third round Al belted Camacho with a solid left hook to the mouth that cut Carlos' lip and staggered the Mexican fighter.

Al kept pounding Camacho around the head and in the sixth frame, when Camacho's cut lip got worse, Referee Eddie Joseph stopped the fight with five seconds remaining in the round.

Rocky Caballero was hanging on at the end of the 8-round semi-final with Gallito Gonzalez, but Rocky had built up a big enough lead in the early rounds to win a unanimous decision for his fourteenth straight win since turning pro. Twelve of his victories have been via the kayo route.

Dave Vance knocked out Jose Herrera in 1:33 of the fourth round; Amerigo Rivera and Paco Quinones fought to a 5-round draw; Maxie Trero won a 4-round decision over Ernest Ramos and Danny Cardenas copped a unanimous verdict in a 4-rounder with Gene Grace.

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

THE Kennewick Chinese Gardens Arena opened their winter season with a slam-bang affair that left the customers happy. The tiny but modern little arena was packed. The show netted $1,000.

In the top eight round main event, Harley Breshears came through with his tenth straight KO win after a rough brawling six rounds that saw Breshears on the deck for a nine count from Joe Aguilar, Seattle, 170, in the first round. Condition paid off in this fight as Aguilar began to tire midway in the bout. The fight was halted in the 6th when Aguilar's eye was cut.

In one six rounder occupying the semi-windup position, the best looking prospect this area has seen in many a day—180 pound Barrie Jackson, Gonzaga University student making his professional debut, scored an impressive KO win over dead-game Billy Irons, Minneapolis 170 pounder.

Jimmy Grow, Lewiston lightweight, flattened Rock Jaw Johnson, Seattle, 142, in three heats.

In four rounders, Jackie Frost, Spokane, 137, decisioned Don Roberts, 136, of Pendleton, and Les Genette, Walla Walla, stopped Dick Smith, Boise, in three.

Spokane boxing still dark, but rumors afloat that some action may be just around the corner. Writer can be contacted at 410 West Riverside Ave.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

IN an effort to boost the boxing game here the Maryland State athletic commission named five state titleholders, co-champions in the featherweight class and ordered a bout in the welterweight class to decide its champion. Here is how the picture looks from here with the champions and their challengers.

Heavyweight Champion—Bert Whitehurst. Contenders—Al Schlimm, Lou Benson, Joe Sanchez.

Lightheavyweight Champion—Tex Newby. Contender—Jesse Manigualt.

Middleweight Champion—Terry Moore. Contenders—Rudy Watkins, Curtis Wade, Claude Flagler.

Welterweight title to be decided in a bout between Johnny Cunningham and Don Braun within the next 90 days. Contenders—Bobby Lee, Leslie Harris.

Lightweight Champion—Carl Coates. Contenders—Earl Clemons, Charley Diggs, Jimmy Richmond.

Featherweight Co-Champions — Walter Brown and Tony Longo (no contenders).

Bantamweight Champion—Joey Longo (no contenders).

Flyweight (vacant).

The writer has been in the boxing game for some twenty years and never can recall a boxing body naming co-champions and the split championship may stay that way for some time to come as the commission hasn't ordered a match between the two lads to decide the rightful crown bearer.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

At Grand Rapids, Michigan, a slam bang card of bouts was put on by Willie Dominguez featuring Lester Felton and Luther Rawlings. It was Felton, at 148 pounds, the winner after ten rounds of boxing. Rawlings finished strong in the last four heats but his rally was just a little too late. Much trouble was encountered in the ring as the ropes were too loose, with the result being that most of the boys fell out of the ring in almost every bout.

In the eight-round semi-final, Chili Bean Prado, 128, Detroit, fell out of the ring in the third round of his bout with Davey Moore, 128, Springfield, Ohio. Prado could not continue claiming he hurt his back. To everyone's surprise the referee called the bout a "no-contest" and based his decision on the loose ropes. In another bout slated for six rounds, Adrian Hefel, 147, Detroit, was declared the winner by a T.K.O. in the second over Bennie Proffitt, 148, Terre Haute, Indiana. It was the loose ropes which sprung Proffitt out of the ring that hurt him more than his opponent did. This bout was not declared a no-contest. Frank Sak, 149, Detroit, won a close four-round decision over Marvin Day, 144, Chicago. Terry (Baby Face) Book, 128, Milwaukee, scored an impressive victory in four heats over Walter Dyes, 127, Detroit. Book won easily.

Issy Kline, veteran trainer of many world champions is a popular figure still not only here in the windy city, but all around the country.

Jack Kearns, president of the Boxing Guild of Illinois, has moved into his new home in Miami, Florida. Old Doc has been responsible for the fast growing International Boxing Guild. The reason for his moving to Florida from Chicago is his health as the doctor prescribed sunshine for Doc. . . .

Promoter Irving Schoenwald put on Arthur Persley and Henry Davis in his main event at Rainbo Arena on the Saturday night parade of bouts. Persley, 137, Red Cross, La., won the decision after ten rounds of boxing. Davis looked rusty and missed most of his punches. It seems Persley is ready for a crack at the lightweight title. In one of the fastest knockouts ever recorded at Rainbo, Joey Maldonado, 128, Denver, kayoed Russell Tague, 130, Eldridge, Iowa, in 38 seconds of the first round. Tague was clipped on the side of the head and the bout was over.

It was the first time Tague was ever knocked out in over thirty bouts. In the bout previous to this Tague was knocked down for a nine count by Davey Moore, but he arose to win a disputed decision. . . . Sam Kelly, 149, Chicago, won a four round decision over Syril Kelly, 150, New Orleans. Dick Powell, 127, Chicago, made his professional debut a winning one by winning easily over Willie Zurita, 128, Mexico City. Powell sharpshooted his way to the duke in every round. Danny Lullo, 151, Chicago, kayoed Joe Pryor, 153, Chicago, in three heats. Carlo Sarlo, 140, Chicago, stopped Cleo Miller, 142, Chicago, in two rounds.

AROUND TOWN, George K. O. Brown, former middleweight contender who fought the world's best, is seen daily at the Hotel Sherman where he carries on his job as traffic supervisor for the Yellow Cab Company here. Brown boxed such top fighters as Les Darcy, Harry Greb, Tommy Gibbons, and a host of others in his career, and never was knocked off his feet. Babe Baron is looking hale and hearty and has one of Chicago's largest automobile agencies. Sammy Rosenberg, former lightweight contender who beat Johnny Hill, Charlie Woods, Jerry Orando, and others, is now seen daily going to and from work at the Franklin Bvd. Hospital.

The International Boxing Club is looking forward to a busy season here at the Chicago Stadium this winter. Many of the top matches are on tab and we are told that some of the championship bouts are coming here. Chicago fans have always appreciated good fights and are looking forward to going to see the bouts. One cannot see the true story on television and the only way to appreciate them are to see them in person.

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KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

JOE MALDANADO, 21 year old transplanted Colorado featherweight who now fights out of Topeka, Kansas, scored a tremendous upset by knocking out undefeated Russ Tague of Chicago in the amazing time of 38-seconds in the first round of their semi windup of the ABC's nationally televised Arthur Pursley-Henry Davis lightweight fight, in which the latter lost a 10-round decision.

Maldonado entered the ring a 10 to 1 underdog and did what many Chicago fans thought couldn't be done—beat Tague, who has 35 victories to his credit.

Maldonado, born at Walsenburg, Colo., twenty-one years ago, the son of Spanish immigrants, wanted to be a bull fighter like his grandfather, Luis Maldonado, a famous retired matador in Madrid, Spain. When Joe's father, Juan, saw that his son was going to be too short to use the muleta and the sword skillfully, the father decided his son should swap the bull for the prize ring.

The Spanish youth, undefeated as an amateur in Denver's Rocky Mountain Tournament, wanted to go to on Chicago's Golden Gloves "Tournament of Champions", but his mother refused, saying he was too young.

Four years later young Maldonado finally reached the Windy City, then he made up for lost time, setting an all time fast knockout record at one of Chicago's old time fight clubs, the Rainbo Arena. Maldonado's 38-second kayo over Tague caused sports scribes in the Midwest to name him "athlete of the week."

The week prior to his Chicago debut at Kansas City, Maldonado easily trounced Jimmy Hairston, former National and International Golden Gloves champion in the six round semi windup on the Bobby Bickle-Jesse Underwood card.

Bobby Bickle, 135, handsome Irish youth from Washburn University with 18 consecutive victories under his belt failed to hurdle No. 19, and was decisioned by the cagy ring veteran Jesse Underwood, who fights out of Detroit, as Dave "Sunny" Shade, in a close 10-rounder at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. The two judges and the referee scored 51-49 in favor of the Detroit veteran. Several newspaper men had scored the fight 4-4-2 with Shade taking his winning advantage in the tenth and final round. It was a rip-snorting, action-packed bout all the way and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it might have been good for Bickle and that he may have learned much from the veteran of 127 pro fights in which Shade gave Jimmy Carter, Sandy Saddler, Charley Riley and many other good boys a rough evening for ten rounds.

In the co-feature, Jesse Turner, 157, St. Louis, stopped Gus Rubicini, 158, Toronto, Canada, in 1:35 of the fourth. In the semi Joe Maldonado, Topeka featherweight, thumped Jimmy Hairston, 127, former National and International Golden Gloves champion, Kansas City, in six. The four-round openers saw Ray Augustus, 169, Topeka, veteran draw with Jesse Brown, 178, St. Louis, and Bobby Eden, 143, Leavenworth, gain a split decision over Sidney Caples, 146, Kansas City.

Mail the latest boxing news to your correspondent, Max Yeargain, 2101 Potomac Drive, Topeka, Kansas.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

GLEN FLANAGAN, St. Paul lightweight, can lay claim to being the busiest main event fighter, with three main events under his belt the last month. He is a big card up in the mining town of Butte, Mont., and has headlined the last three shows there.

Del Flanagan, the welterweight, handed Steve Marcello, the New England welterweight, his first professional loss when he recently defeated him in the East.

St. Paul: Jack Wagner, Morton, Minn., heavyweight, turned out to be the star of the semi-monthly shows staged in St. Paul to provide new faces for the fistic game. Wagner, 198, halted Jimmy O'Hara, St. Paul, 198, in the sixth round of the feature bout staged at the St. Paul Auditorium in Stem Hall. It was a very good fight and Wagner made a big hit and will be a drawing card on the next show.

In another surprise bout, Jimmy Perault, Duluth, 146, scored a good win over the veteran Emil Evans, St. Paul, 145, in a six round bout. Jentrice O'Neill, St. Paul, 137, won a decision over Vince Solem, Duluth, 134, in four rounds.

Ivan Johnson, Duluth, 170, stopped Louis Saad, 180, St. Paul, in one round. Ted Lacy, St. Paul, 175, knocked out Tom Tierney, 170, St. Paul, in three rounds.

Rocky Evans, the Minneapolis lightweight in the Army, is now back from Korea on a furlough and what a record this youngster has. Four Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with V for Valor, three Presidential Citations, five major battle stars, a recommendation for a Silver Star. He has served 24 months in Korea. Evans is now training while at home and looking for action with the best lightweights in the Northwest. His record in the Army is 21 straight wins.

Eddie Williams, the former St. Paul boxing promoter, now is a successful wrestling promoter in St. Paul. His shows at the Armory packs them in every week.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

OMAHA, Nebraska—Professional boxing in the State of Nebraska, is a dead issue. . . . Jim McKay has returned from his trip to California, with his stable of fighters, Eugene (Kid) Brown, Martin Ware and Gene Buzzello. They didn't do very well by themselves in their trip to the west coast. . . . Elmer Smith, 163, Omaha, Nebraska also took a jaunt to California to meet Charlie Green in a scheduled 10 round main event at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The fight was stopped at 2:12 of the third round with Green the winner. . . . Eugene Brown, the former Omaha welterweight is now living in Battle Creek, Michigan and is planning a comeback. He is now 25 years of age and having finished a stint in the Army is now back to school and boxing. When Brown was attending South High School in Omaha he won a Golden Gloves championship and hit the books just as hard the same year and graduated with a scholarship. He attended college at the Philander Smith school in Little Rock, Arkansas for a year and then came back to Omaha where he enrolled at Omaha University. From 1946 to 1950 Brown had 28 fights, knocked out 15 opponents, won 6 bouts by decision, lost 1 bout by decision and 1 on a foul. He was knocked out 5 times.

Although Brown suffered 5 knockouts most of them came while he was attending school and the bouts were taken with the thought of financing his college education rather than the thought of piling up a good record in boxing. He took some of these bouts with only two or three days in the gym for preparation. He is a hard hitting southpaw but it is his sneaky right hand which travels about a foot that had reaped most of his knockouts.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of my friends in the boxing world a Merry Christmas. . . . Remember to get your news in my hands by the 2nd day of each month. The writer's address is 3414 So. 25th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

WILLIAM H. JEAKLE, an old time fighter, died on October 31 in Toledo, Ohio. He was 78 years old. Jeakle, formerly sheriff of Henry County and a retired contractor, in his day was a very good welterweight boxer in and around Ohio. He was also a manager, promoter and referee. Two of his sons, Clyde and Clifford, were also fighters.

Welterweight Joey Greenwood was reported in satisfactory condition after he was wounded by an unknown assailant recently.

Lincoln Clark, a fair loking welterweight with a wallop, will be booked by the writer. Clark is from Cincinnati.

Bryan Downey, one of the all-time greats of boxing, a former resident of Columbus, Ohio, passed through on his way from Hartford, Conn., to his home in Los Angeles. Bryan recently suffered the biggest setback of his life, the loss of his daughter, Jeannette.

Ken Morehouse, director of boxing at the Central YMCA in Columbus, has sent out a call for all amateurs who wish to take part in the Golden Gloves tourney to contact him at the YMCA gym.

Walterweight Jack Doughty who has been on the Coast the past year is back in Columbus and can be booked through the writer.

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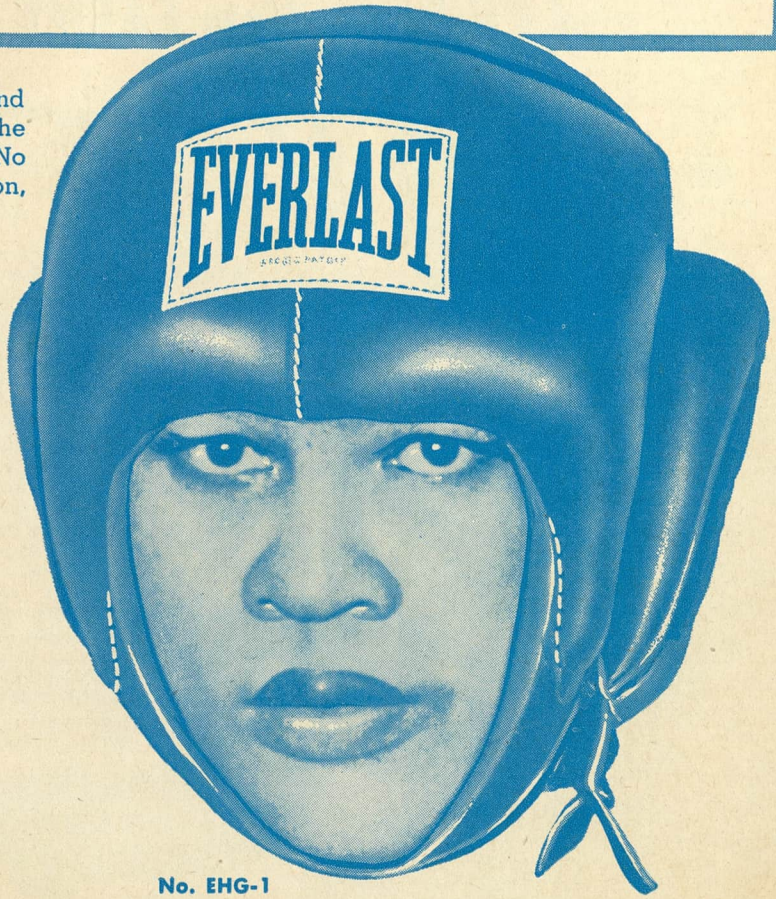

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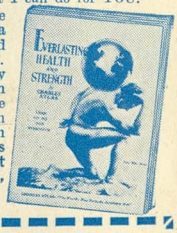

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